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SLAPSTICK HUMOR--Audiences at the GHS Drama Department's play, *The Physician In Spite Of Himself*, were treated to two evenings of sight gags and witty comedy. In this scene, Lucas, (sophomore Shawn Hubbard) grabs a surprised Sganarelle (freshman Nathaniel Rosi) for the latter's attentions to his wife.

GHS Players rebuilding school drama program

By Nancy Lemmen

With the production of Moliere's 17th century farce, *The Physician In Spite Of Himself*, Grayling High School Drama Department Director David Glicker continues to expand the breadth of the GHS Players' repertoire.

The well-known and long-enduring comedy was presented in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on March 13 and 14 to modest but appreciative audiences.

Freshman Nathaniel Rosi did a fine job playing the lead character Sganarelle, a crude and uneducated yet witty and quick-thinking woodcutter. Rosi, a newcomer to the GHS theatre, had more than 200 lines and was on stage in nearly every scene.

Sganarelle's wife, Martine, was played by senior Cheryl Willoughby, an excellent character actress, in her final GHS production.

A marital dispute between the woodcutter and his wife in the opening scene sets up the action for the rest of the short play.

When she berates him verbally for his poor performance as a husband, he returns the insult by beating her with a stick, then leaves for the woods.

Martine sees her opportunity for revenge when two gentlemen, Valere (freshman Eric Shepherd) and his uncle Lucas (sophomore Shawn Hubbard) wander past, looking for a physician who can cure their master's daughter of a mysterious illness that has struck her mute.

She tells them she knows of a great physician who dresses and acts as a woodcutter and who will admit to being a doctor only after being beaten--Sganarelle, of course.

The haughty Shepherd (in a great plumed hat that constantly brushes people in the face with his every turn), and the dopey, Hubbard (in a black

wig and coon skin hat), made a delightful comic duo in the style of Mutt and Jeff.

There is an amusing brief scene at the beginning of the play when an innocent baker, Monsieur Robert (freshman Mike Amman), wanders past as the couple is loudly and violently fighting.

When the baker gallantly attempts to intervene on Martine's behalf, she ungratefully responds by taking a cream pie from his basket and smashing him in the face with it. He proceeds on to Sganarelle, who--also angry at being interrupted--smashes him with another of his own pies.

At any rate, the "physician" is taken to the splendid home of Geronte (sophomore Vince Gibbons), where he carries on his charade after seeing that Geronte is willing to pay him a significant amount of money for curing the daughter, Lucinde (freshman Aimee Voight).

Lucinde, who evidently has lost all ability to speak, can manage only guttural utterances. But Sganarelle soon discerns that she is simply affecting dumbness in protest against her father for insisting that she give up her true amour, Leandre (senior Josh Lepsy), for a rich man whom she doesn't love.

The "doctor" hires Leandre as his assistant to get him in the mansion, garbs him in a ridiculous beard to hide his real identity, cures Lucinde and helps the two of them to run away.

In a comic scene, Lucinde "recovers" her voice only to loudly and hotly berate her father for playing matchmaker against her will. The hapless Geronte responds by saying he wishes she would be struck dumb again.

Jacqueline, a beautiful, buxom and

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Crawford delays approving reciprocal landfill agreement with Grand Traverse

By Lori Swarthout

Michael J. McClelland, deputy administrator of Grand Traverse County, appeared before the Crawford County Commissioners March 11, to request their signature on a reciprocal agreement which would give Grand Traverse County limited permission to dispose of their solid wastes in the Crawford-Otsego landfill.

This followed a question and answer session between Crawford County Commissioners and Crawford County prosecuting attorney John Huss, regarding the rights and responsibilities upon entering such agreements, already in effect between

Crawford and other counties. Huss indicated that he would research the commissioner's questions in regards to Crawford County's right to charge for use of the landfill, the legal conditions required for termination of reciprocal agreements, and our county's responsibility toward other counties mentioned in N.E.M.C.O.G.N.E.M.S.W.P.C. solid waste disposal plans.

County commissioner Brian Hulbert expressed concern, that in general, the current solid waste management plan between the eight counties does not fit for counties which do not have landfills, as these counties have nothing to exchange for landfill use.

McClelland indicated that Grand Traverse County generates around 80,000 cubic yards of waste each year, and that this figure has remained stable over the past several years due to recycling and shipping wastes to out-county landfills. He emphasized that this agreement was merely a contingency, should the D.N.R. shut down Grand Traverse landfill space currently being investigated.

Lovells township supervisor Fred Schaibly wanted to know why the issue of waste management consolidation had never been brought before the township boards prior to enactment. Maple Forest township

supervisor Mark Kniss suggested that the commissioners advise Huss to check not only with N.E.M.C.O.G. sources but with the state attorney general and the D.N.R. for answers to the questions they had raised earlier.

County Commissioner Bob Smock closed the discussion on this controversial issue for the time being, indicating to McClelland that Crawford County residents and officials had many questions which needed to be answered before committing themselves to another reciprocal agreement. He indicated that the commissioners would respond to his request as soon as possible.

Short-term options to alleviate overcrowding topic of special meeting

By Shirley D. Schmooch

Short term solutions to cope with school overcrowding will be the focus of a special meeting from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday, March 23, for the Crawford

AuSable School Board of Education.

"We have options such as moving a class or part of a class from the Middle School to the High School," said Super-

intendent Kent Reynolds at the regular school board meeting Monday, March 16. "But, what class and how many students? There are portable classrooms, but we would need more personal. The Middle School currently has one administrator and one counselor for 600 5th through 8th grade students. With another 100 students expected in a building already at capacity, stress on the staff becomes an issue as well."

Reynolds told the board members

there are no easy answers to the overcrowding problems. The middle school building, with a capacity of 600 students, will enroll 698 in the fall of 1992 if the present 5th-8th grade configuration remains in place. Grayling Elementary also is over capacity with more than 620 students.

Board member Keith Bobenmoyer asked for more specifics from the building committee containing hard facts and figures on the board's options.

County moves ahead with Millpond project

By Lori Swarthout

The Crawford County Road Commission has received several bids on a water control project for Grayling's millpond. The bids were described by commission manager/engineer Richard Young as broad in both scope and fee scales, most likely due to the fact that a desirable millpond level was not specified when advertising for the bids.

Because of the broad scope of the bids Young requested plenty of time to review the bids before making a recommendation to the county commissioners. He believed that a recommendation would be ready

before the first meeting of the county commissioners in April.

According to the road commission, the only cost to the county for this project will be setting up the special assessment district of citizens directly affected by the project. The monies raised through this assessment will be used to offset construction costs and provide for future maintenance.

Young expects to have a recommendation for setting up this district ready for county commissioners at the same time he recommends an engineering firm for the project. It was mentioned that additional funding for this project might be available through the D.N.R.

Two school board seats on June 8th ballot

Two Crawford AuSable School Board positions will be decided in the June 8th annual school election.

A four-year term, currently held by Ann Stephenson, is expiring, and the one remaining year of a term won by Mark Hartman will also be on the ballot. Following Hartman's resignation, Lewis Madill was appointed by the School Board in July of 1991 to serve until the next school election.

Candidates interested in the positions must file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity at the central

office, 403 Michigan Ave., by 4 p.m. April 6. A candidate has until May 13 to declare which term he or she is seeking.

Gas station robber foiled by citizen

By Lori Swarthout

A robbery in progress was foiled Monday night by an alert citizen who made prompt use of the county's new 911 system.

While walking downtown to meet a friend, the witness saw a vehicle pull into the closed gas station parking lot at a high rate of speed.

The perpetrator used a nunchaku, two sticks joined by a short cord, to break the window of the building. The witness attempted to get closer in order to get a good description of the vehicle and perpetrator and was spotted by the suspect, who fled the scene as the witness called Grayling City Police via 911.

The suspect is described as probably male, wearing a full face, stocking type, ski mask, a brightly

colored blue ski jacket with bright yellow stripes, and ski gloves. The perpetrator may be proficient in one of the martial arts and is probably not from the Grayling area. The perpetrator was driving what appeared to be a newer model four door Buick Century, light to medium blue.

The quick action of the witness in dialing 911 prevented the criminal from taking anything from the gas station. Anyone who has any information about this crime may contact either Chief Stephan or Patrolman Long of the Grayling City Police at 348-4601. All sources of information about this crime will be kept confidential by the police.

Grayling Rotary Club adds first women to membership

(On March 11, 1992, the Grayling Rotary Club inducted its first women members. Here are profiles of the four women selected, written by Shirley D. Schmooch.)

DONNA MASKER

Rising up through the traditionally male bastions of banking, Masker says, has not been a trip without some bumps and ruts. "But that is what makes life so good...working hard and achieving your goal and realizing your dreams."

A Saginaw native, Masker is a relative newcomer to the Grayling area, having joined Old Kent Bank as a teller in 1982. "Marty took a job in Kalkaska and we've called Grayling our home ever since. I'm particularly thrilled to be asked to join the Rotary Club, though, because it is the community. When people work hard and make sacrifices to produce results, it's wonderful to be recognized as an equal by such a group. My own banking superiors are positively elated

with my membership. We all feel we have so much to contribute to the area as an organization, and it's important to have a voice in what is happening."

Masker was initially employed by the State Bank of Saginaw, bringing to the area 5 1/2 years of previous experience. Since arriving here and working first as a teller, she has become Assistant Branch and Branch Manager, then elevated to Branch Officer in 1986. "I've seen a lot of changes in

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NEW ROTARY MEMBERS--Donna Masker, Noreen Davis, Deb Allen, and Barb Mick (left to right) were joined by Rotary vice-president John Jones (center) on Wednesday, March 11, when they became the first women to join the Grayling Rotary Club.

Grayling Rotary Club adds women

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attitude toward women in my years with the bank, and I'm sincerely grateful to the majority of the lending community here for making me feel an important part of their group. And, because we at Old Kent are oriented toward progress and future growth in the area, working with other business professionals will open up new avenues where we, as an institution, can participate."

Since moving to Grayling in 1982, Masker has been elected Treasurer of the Chamber, held the offices of President, V. P. and Treasurer of the ABWA, receiving its highest honor in 1991 as Professional Woman of the Year. She is currently co-chairman of the AuSable River Festival, a member of the Camp Grayling Community Council, on the committee for the Miss Grayling Pageant, and past President, V.P. and Treasurer of the Crawford County Fair Board, where as a founding member, she helped accomplish much of what you see there today. She also enjoys camping in her spare time... which, isn't much, she says.

As a former graduate of Northern Michigan University School of Banking, Masker has seen how women have positively impacted the industry. "People working together is what really matters, not what gender you happen to be. If we all make an investment in our community, then only good things will happen when we all get involved. And, the Rotary Club, being the natural leaders of this entire process, are precisely the people who will make this area great."

BARBARA MICK

A smile of true spontaneity comes naturally for this former resident of Southfield and graduate of Western Michigan. Barbara Mick, Grayling Elementary School Principal, earned her teaching credentials in 1976, decidedly a very poor time and environment for a new teacher to seek a place to sink roots. Mick, nonetheless, turned down familiar Kalamazoo and opted for the North. Her family had summered in Tawas for years, so her decision to settle here was informed and knowledgeable.

Mick obtained her M.S. from Central in 1982, and today says, "I'm surprised that women joining the Grayling Rotary might be considered a milestone. They've been invited to join elsewhere for five years or more. In Rosecommon where my husband is a member (and is Superintendent of Schools), women as members is simply a non-issue." Her optimistic outlook for everything she discusses will, no doubt, be welcomed.

"I look at Rotary as being a place for professional networking, not as a social club." The idea of labeling people bothers Mick, and she feels "excited at the prospect of being given the chance to participate in the organization. The Rotary Club is extremely useful and it reaches many, many people. I believe that women in the group will add a new dimension to the club, not change it. I would hope we could help enrich its traditions."

When asked if she expected to actively participate in the tradition called "The Minsrel Show," she delivered another of those gracious, infectious laughs and said, "a couple of the members have already mentioned they have some ideas for me. But, I'm sure it will all be in the spirit of good fun."

Mick's two daughters, Alexis and Meredith, are students in Grayling. Enhancing the educational opportunities for area students, therefore, especially in the early years, is high on her priority list. "The whole

family calls themselves Graylingites," she laughs, but she intuitively seems to understand the need for Grayling to grow and to prosper. "Because of the mix of people in the area is so varied, we must attempt to intelligently assess their needs. The Rotary Club, I believe, continually helps in meeting those needs, as they too are a cross section of the community."

Mick's enthusiasm for Grayling is outwardly evident, but her enthusiasm for her students is even more so. "I'm very excited about making more of a connection on behalf of the elementary school. What happens to children when they are young seriously affects them when they become adults. It's our responsibility to see to it they get the best we have to give."

NOREEN DAVIS

It is not particularly common to find professionals who gladly team additional job responsibilities with advanced and continued education. NoREEN DAVIS, a native of northern Iowa, however, began a general career in nursing and gradually rose through the ranks of management and the halls of academia simultaneously, finding the challenge promoted growth with each new step. She was employed at Olmsted Community Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, working full time and pursuing a B.S.N. while raising two young sons. In addition to this feat, she also earned an impressive pair of degrees from the University of Minnesota (M.S.N.) and College of St. James in St. Paul (M.B.A.).

Serving as Director of Nursing was her last appointment, prior to moving to Michigan to become V.P. of Patient Care for Mercy Health Services North in 1987. She is currently also V.P. of Operations, and accountable for the success of the hospital's nursing staff, public relations department, business affairs office, dietary and housekeeping divisions; she is, in effect, the inside operations manager. This array of duties sounds like several separate jobs, but Davis, well equipped with a firm efficiency, appears to take it in stride.

When asked how her role as a Rotary Club member would affect her, she says she is "Very excited. The Rotary Club is an organization which really works in our community. It also offers the hospital an excellent opportunity to become more active."

As President-elect of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Davis seems aptly suited to meeting any additional duties Rotary might require of her. And, armed with ample charm and a head brimming with ideas, she "expects to further encourage our employees, especially the department heads, to become more active in community affairs. Women in the Rotary will be a change," she continues, "but change can be good and it can be positive. When the Sister's of Mercy reorganized and consolidated departments in 1989, we set becoming a complete community health care system as our goal. The decision was made then to look into

the area job market for key people to train. We also decided to take a greater share of responsibility for the community's well-being. I, personally, welcome the opportunity to join the Rotary, because I'm the first Mercy Hospital employee from Grayling to become a member. Our chief operating officers in the past have all been women," she explains wistfully. "It is my hope that the club, by admitting women, will gain strength and will benefit from our membership."

DEB ALLEN

Deb Allen, Executive Director of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, hails from York, Pa. Having earned a B.S. in Psychology (Millersville University of PA), she continued to seek further study in career and adult counseling. The professional motivation behind Allen is addictive. Her excitement for Grayling and for the area's future potential sounds bright and shiny. "I love northern Michigan and the enthusiasm of the people; everything about the area, really," she says admitting to life being an endless learning experience. She calls herself a "facilitator of community ideas. People in this town are highly intelligent, and they have many more ideas than they can possibly put into action."

Allen was the youngest of seven children, both parents being personally dynamic and obviously making a favorable impression upon her in her younger days. "Dad was an executive in the textile business, and my mother was very involved with H & R Block." Did she have her own franchise? "No, but she sure could have. She was my driving force when I was younger," she says with a glow of personal pride.

And, what of that very energetic, driving force you possess? "As a Rotary Club member, I expect, after a term of observation, to positively

interact with other professionals. I would hope to share ideas and then return the knowledge to the community. Rotary has always made a significant contribution to the welfare of Grayling, and I believe their whole meaning is about work and togetherness."

As Executive Director of the Chamber, Allen was initially hired as a "trouble shooter," a term meaning exactly what it says. It was she who had the courage to accept the challenge of putting the organization back together again after it spent a time foundering, looking for guidance. She is today responsible for the coordination and operation of its legislation, policy and programs for the more than 320 members. She is equally adept at handling the direction, programming and marketing of the newly-formed Grayling Area Visitors' Council. Her list of awards for Chamber achievement is impressive. As a capable wearer of many hats, LT Allen also finds time to serve in the US Naval Reserve in Cadillac.

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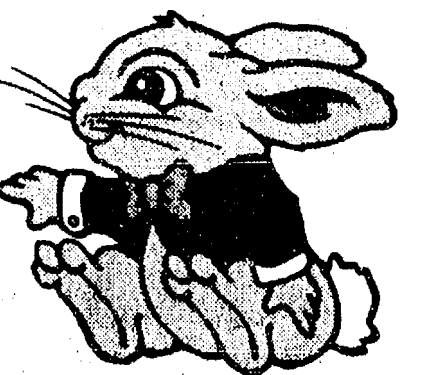
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Letters To The Editor

Lack of empathy toward employees creates extra government spending

In President Bush's State of the Union Address on January 28, he directed the public to the need for strengthening households, blaming a major cause of the degenerating economy on the dissolution of families. His propaganda included easing the burden of American families by raising personal exemption to \$500 for every member in a family, deducting interest paid on student loans and allowing IRA use for educational and medical expenses without penalty. He also proposed to replace the habit forming assumptions of the welfare state and reform the system.

I had been a dedicated employee of a downtown business for fourteen years. Within this time I became a mother of two children, who tragically lost their father at the ages of four and five. I then became part of the percentages of the working women in a single parent home. Being the head of household, my job became the major source of income and I had remained a dedicated worker, even putting my employment above my priority for my children.

In July 1991, I had a circumstance where on a certain day I needed to put my children at the top of my priority list. The personnel manager of my former employer, not being able to empathize with my obligation, denied me of an informally requested day off. Being denied this day off, I had no choice other than resigning from my job.

With the national labor force

participation rate being 70 percent of single, 22.6 percent of widowed, 74 percent of divorced, and 58.8 percent of separated working women as of 1979, the rate alarmingly growing since, employers must now facilitate to these broken homes. They must begin, even in rural communities such as our hometown of Grayling. In this small community, where many of the businesses are family owned and operated and personnel management positions are inherited from generation to generation, urgency of lenitive measures toward the single, widowed, separated or divorced mother must be more actively promoted.

Being one of the rising percentages, I urge every business owner in Grayling to do their part in solving the dissolution of families and putting the economy on the uprise.

Empathize with the needs of your employees who have unfortunately become part of the percentages of broken homes. Yes, those of you who are parents know how demanding parenthood can be. Put yourself in the perspective of an employee who, for some reason, has the role of both mother and father while still trying to be a faithful, dedicated worker. You will find that you wouldn't like being in their shoes.

These single experienced wage earners need their jobs, causing them to be reliable and dedicated, while their reliability, dedication, and experience may be important assets to your business. You will show profits

in your business and at the same time cut government spending by reducing the number of welfare and unemployment compensated recipients.

There is a projected 62.9 percent of white females in the labor force by the year 2000. We can only guess what percent of these will be members of broken homes. In this small town of generations of family owned businesses you must abolish the saying, "It is not what you know, it is who you know," and attract, select, train, motivate, and retain qualified female heads of households, while at the same time allowing these employees to be permitted to satisfy personal needs.

Remember, the lack of empathy toward these employees not only creates extra government spending but may also, as in my experience, make your business lose a valuable, experienced, dedicated employee who has been a major asset of the business in the past. Recognize these employees as human beings and deal accordingly to their needs. Retain these employees who are willing and capable of work.

Dawn Crowell
Grayling

State trying to shift responsibility for educating prisoners, says union leader

The Department of Corrections currently has under consideration the elimination of State Classified Teaching positions within the prison system, in favor of asking local school districts to provide teachers. If the Department of Corrections follows through with this concept, we believe it will have a profound negative effect on the local school districts where prisons are located.

Here would be another example of how state government wants to transfer its financial obligation onto local school districts. Taxpayers who are unfortunate enough to live in the county or school district where a prison is located would provide the service, but more importantly, foot the bill. State government already wants to reduce funding to local school districts by not funding teacher Social Security and retirement payments. How will local taxpayers feel about footing the bill for the educational system in their local prison?

Local 6000 opposes this concept, not only because our Union represents teachers that would be affected, but also because it is bad public policy to shift the economic burden which has been borne by the state government to

the backs of the already over-burdened local taxpayer.

Finally, working in a correctional facility is a unique situation. The inmate being instructed and the physical environment in which they are taught, is fraught with special problems and concerns. Some inmates are difficult, manipulative, at times unruly. Some are reluctant students who did not do well in traditional academic settings. Security takes precedence, and staff devote a significant amount of work time maintaining a safe environment. To acquire the skills that are necessary to be a successful prison instructor,

corrections teachers must go through extensive training. They must be understanding, yet alert to being manipulated. Provide one on one instruction, but be aware of everything going on in the classroom. Be fair, yet firm, in their teaching method and be able to control the classroom environment. Public school teachers do not have this training and the lack of it would put both staff and prisoners at risk.

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Let's Talk About It

By Joe Murphy



This is the worst time of year for me to come up with the material for a column. Everyone is tired of hearing about winter and spring has not really sprung. Soon I will be able to get out to some of those old places and find things to write a little about. Being pretty well locked in town for the past few months has just about exhausted my material to write about. Getting out to some of those old sites of younger days will bring on a flood of memories of days gone by. So I ask your forbearance if my column is even duller than usual for a little while.

I often think of the questions I should have asked while the people who could supply the answers were still here to tell me. I think of those hours of trivial talk or silence when I should have been asking important questions. The young never seem to realize until too late what they missed by not wanting to talk about the old days. The young are more attuned to the present and future and regard the stories of the old folks as long past history that has no bearing on today's world.

How wrong we were, as we grow older we find ourselves in search of those answers they were trying to give us and we were too busy to listen. In most cases a man's history dies with him unless he has been famous or notorious enough to get enough published about him to put his history in print. Take for instance notorious outlaws such as Jesse and Frank James, Tom Horn and Billy the Kid. They will be long remembered while the men they

killed have been long forgotten. The honest settlers who tamed the land and lived out their lives at honest toil have been forgotten because no one bothered to record their passage. Not even their own families took the time to listen to their history. So please, if you have a grandparent who wants to talk about the old days, listen and ask questions, someday you will be very glad you did.

Speaking of history, I am a buff of those wild west magazines which have a lot of stories of the old west. If you have some that you would like to sell or trade I would appreciate a call. I also have a lot of gun magazines if anyone is interested in them.

Two months from now (the 7th of March) the mushrooms should be in their prime if they are going to be good this year. I am kind of hopeful that the extra snow we got this winter will be just what is needed for a banner year. We have not had a good year since we have had those light snow winters.

We complain about winter now with well heated homes, insulated boots and clothes, heated cars and plenty of food. Turn back a couple of hundred years and imagine how it was for the Indians back then. We welcome the warming sun but one can understand why they worshipped it.

Ring the bell for due process, justice

Jon Thompson, editor
Dear Sir,

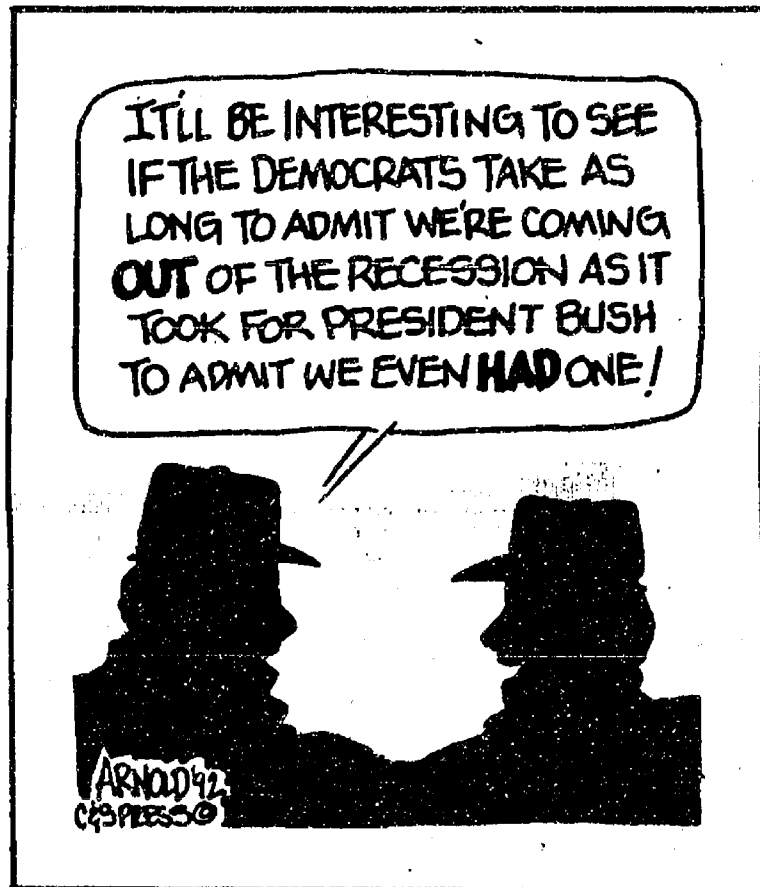
A recent letter to you has implied that I've not rung the bell for due process and justice for politicians as much as I could. I do personally believe that tarring and feathering of politicians should be illegal, unless it is done by twelve or more registered voters. (Every man-made law seems to have an exception.) Unlike others, politicians seem to escape justice, and usually are rewarded with a golden parachute.

A politician's antics can now feature the mother of all double deals, and only a few will sound the public alarm.

It's a sad statement about our society that presidential candidates Jerry Brown and Pat Buchanan are labeled as rebels because they speak out about political pimping, prostituting and other corruption. Those who object to special interest redistribution of the public wealth should not ever be in minority.

Today you can add Joe Callewaert's name to those who rang the bell. But, please don't ask for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Joe Callewaert
County Commissioner
Grayling



Pray for America

Recently I became aware of the fact that several teachers in our public school system have been discussing with students their belief in reincarnation.

What is happening in this country when "pagan" religion can be freely promoted but to mention the Christian beliefs (which our country was founded on) is "against the law."

P.S. Christians need to pray for America!

Jean Weaver

Avalanche Deadlines

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

Ski program helps build self-esteem

We would like to take the time to thank Mark Sloan, John Alef, and Grayling State Bank for the excellent ski program they offered the youngsters this year at Hanson Hills. Our daughters participated and were thrilled with the positive feed back from Mark and John. It was a great

self-esteem builder, not to mention all they learned about downhill ski racing. I know a lot of kids really enjoyed their Sunday race! Mark and John were very friendly and supportive even when it got a little hectic up there.

Thanks a lot guys
Mike & Kelly Fortino

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Almanack

Richard Millman

Sometimes there's good news

'DESPITE THE CRITICISM that newspapers print only bad news, every once in a while a refreshing positive news story does appear. We should note them when they do.

One such story happened in west side Detroit recently, as reported by *The Detroit News*.

At Christ Love Tabernacle Church, reported *The Detroit News*, at a regular Friday night service, the congregation of 14 people that night was singing when the pastor, the Rev. Thomas J. Jackson, noticed a poorly dressed man standing at the door.

Mr. Jackson motioned for him to come join the prayer session. The stranger hesitated, indicating his poor clothing. Mr. Jackson took off his own jacket and tie to show him all were welcome, regardless of attire.

The stranger entered, but instead of joining in prayer, he pulled out a sawed off shotgun, threatened Mr. Jackson and a 15-year-old churchgoer, and proceeded to rob the congregation.

So far, that's not such good news. But the attitude of Rev. Jackson and his flock is what turned this tawdry yarn into a positive happening.

AFTER THE ROBBER left, the congregation went ahead and prayed, sang and finished services.

"I didn't want children to walk out with that final image," Mr. Jackson explained, in *The Detroit News* article.

"We've faced hard times before, and we have to go on."

"How can a pastor shut out his people?" Mr. Jackson asked.

Mr. Jackson told *The News* that the robbery only strengthened his faith.

"He got money, the least valuable thing on earth," Mr. Jackson said. "He didn't get any souls."

Faith in action such as displayed by Mr. Jackson and his tiny congregation is all too rare in today's society. When it is displayed, it deserves applause. It is good news.

Christ Love Tabernacle Church was begun only three years ago, when 11 people banded together to get it started. Now the church has about 60 members.

It's easy to understand why Mr. Jackson's flock has increased.

COGENT QUOTATIONS—Keeping an eye peeled on your favorite newspaper can also turn up some rather interesting quotations from people currently in the news. Sometimes they're amusing, sometimes profound. Here are a few which caught my fancy.

Catholic Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee described his job, at least in part: "I don't think you can bury your head in the sand. My job is to funnel down what comes from the Vatican and find out what Joe Blow in front of me needs in order to survive, what can reasonably be asked of him."

Michael McConnell, a University of Chicago law professor, discussed the conduct of senators during recent hearings: "Asking senators not to act politically is like asking dogs not to bark."

Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf,

noting that as commander of the U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf war he could issue an order and 500,000 soldiers would respond, finds that things are different now: "I've found that retirement means more work and less people to help you... Today, I can't even get a plumber to come to my house."

SEN. JAY ROCKEFELLER of West Virginia, discussing that his widespread name recognition could cut both ways in politics: "The bad news is that one third of the people think I'm the banker who foreclosed on their farm, one third think I run the oil company that raised the price of gasoline, and one third think I'm the guy who sold Manhattan to the Japanese."

Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio reporter who broke the story on sexual harassment charges against now Justice Clarence Thomas, commenting on her chosen profession: "The practice of journalism is a little like making sausage. Once you've seen it done, you're not sure you want to be a part of this process."

And finally, a couple of quotes from *Rotary* magazine:

"The difficulty of being a leader is that you don't know whether people are following you or chasing you."

"Marriage is the only union that cannot be organized. Each side thinks it is management."



Snow fleas are harmless to homeowners

The waning of winter in northern Michigan is marked by many events in nature. Most folks note the lengthening days, warming sun, returning birds, and radio interviews with Sparky Anderson as sign posts pointing towards the coming spring.

There is one natural event that generates many phone calls and letters to the county extension and DNR offices across this part of the state every March. The inquiries usually go something like: "There are thousands of those little black things jumping around on the snow in my front yard.

Are they fleas?"

These little critters are commonly referred to as "snow fleas." Actually, they are not fleas at all. Like fleas they are insects. However, they are not very closely related. They belong to a very primitive group of insects named Collembola (CO-LEM-BO-LA), commonly called springtails.

The group is so primitive that they do not possess wings. They get around by cocking and releasing a spring-like mechanism at the tail end of their body and by crawling.

Snow fleas are active adults from

November to March. They are most apparent when the snow pack starts to thaw in late winter. Their black color allows them to absorb heat from the sun. They congregate in great numbers on sunny days to feed on microscopic algae, bacteria, and fungi on the surface of the snow and to complete mating.

As the trees absorb heat and the snow melts away from the base of the trees, the snow fleas move down this pathway to the leaf litter and deposit their egg load.

The young hatch in the leaf litter

later in the spring. They are less than a millimeter long and pinkish in color. They mature throughout the summer and become sexually active adults the following fall, usually in November.

SNOW FLEAS DO NO HARM! They are part of the natural processes that take place in the forests. Snow fleas are part of that complex of organisms that break down leaf and other organic matter on the forest floor. They are soil builders. They are not harmful to people or pets and they won't get in the house and contaminate foodstuff.

Schwartz named GSB 1991 Employee-of-the-year

Richard Albee, Chief Executive Officer at G.S.B., has announced that JoEllen Schwartz has been honored as the 1991 Employee-Of-The-Year. JoEllen, Customer Accounting Supervisor, joined G.S.B. in 1984 as receptionist, and has held positions as teller, and data input operator.

JoEllen was recognized with the quality service award because of her outstanding customer relation skills, and excellent job performance. As stated by Albee, "JoEllen is a true asset to G.S.B. as she consistently exemplifies G.S.B.'s ideal professional image and attitude, by always providing customers, and fellow employees with dedicated service."

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JoEllen Schwartz

Bits Of Talk

by Fay Bovee

Capt. Vern Essenberg, Jr. and his wife, Capt. Beth Miklos-Essenber, are featured on the front cover and throughout the Army Medical Specialist Corps recruiting brochure which will be used nationally by Army recruiters. Essenberg is a physical therapist and Miklos-Essenber is an occupational therapist stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He is the son of Vern and Judy Larson Essenberg of Grandville and the grandson of Ernie and Elsie Larson of Grayling.

Doug Essenberg stopped to visit his grandparents, Ernie and Elsie Larson, recently while on a business trip to Rogers City.

On March 1, when Ernie and Elsie Larson were attending the Michelson Memorial Church, Ernie was completely surprised when Dr. Paulsen asked him to help baptize two little children which made Ernie's day and following the baptism, he was again surprised when the choir sang Happy

Birthday to him. At 5 p.m., the family attended the massive choir program after which they were all invited to the Larsons for ice cream and cake. On Tuesday, the actual birthday date, they went to Grandville to the Vern Essenberg home where they celebrated Ernie's 84th birthday with a family dinner party.

Paula Buchanan, owner of Paula's Frame Shop which is located on Michigan Avenue above Weaver's Gifts, attended the Frame-O-Rama and Artexpo show in New York. It is billed as the "largest trade show" held at Pier 88 Passenger Ship Terminal on 55th Street and 12th Ave. on the Hudson River. Paula accompanied a group of people from Traverse City who are also in the picture framing business and she returned with many new and innovative ideas to be used for pictures and framing. She also brought back some new framing material now available at the store.

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Range Firing

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on March 20 and cease on March 25.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on March 20 and cease on March 25.

Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Damon Truck Trail. Firing will begin on March 18 and cease on March 25.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on March 20 through March 22.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will be from March 18 through March 21, and March 24 through March 25.

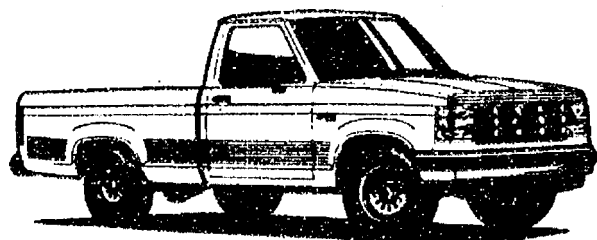


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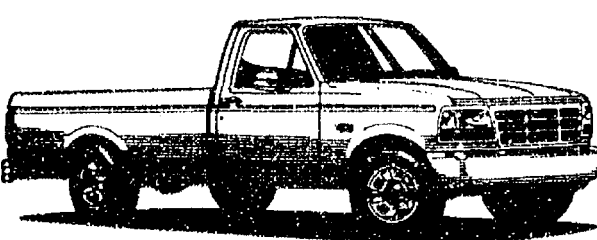
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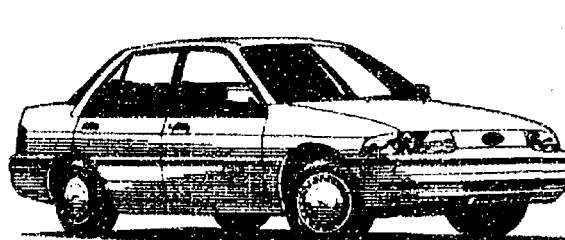
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Nominating petitions may be picked up from Dale Marie Losee in the President's Office, Administration Center, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan; and must be returned to Dale Losee at the same address, by 4:00 pm Monday, April 6, 1992.

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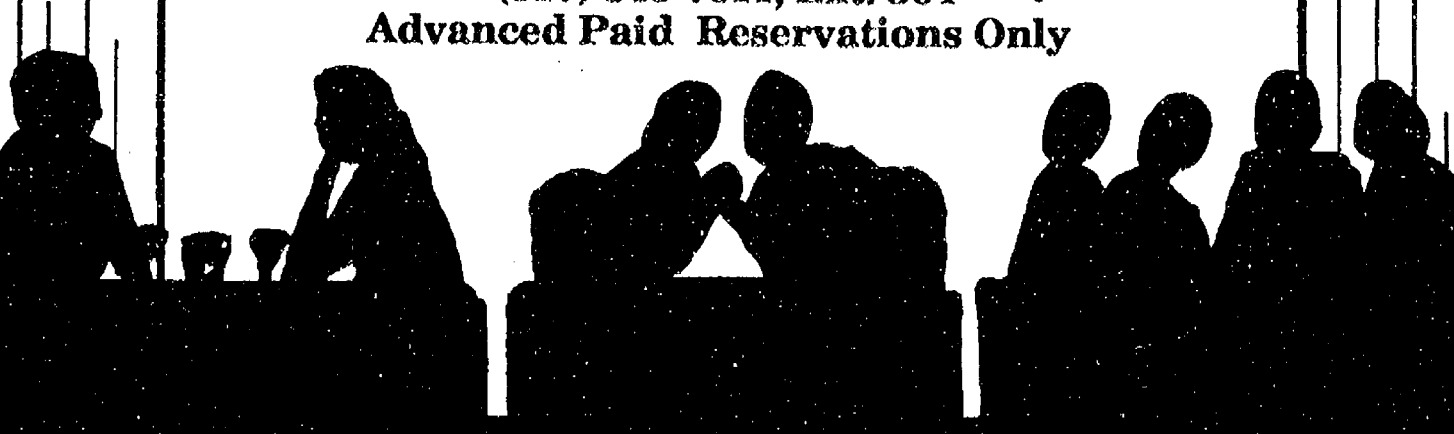
Warmhearted Grace Larkin is trying to shake off the seduction attempts of her boss, Walter Chepple, when she mistakes telephone repairman, Alex Docker, for a burglar. She decides she must convert Alex from his life of crime and ends up pretending to be married to him when her sister, Harriet, shows up. Now they must get everything straightened out before Harriet's evangelical minister fiancé, Gregor, shows up. Can they do it? Come out and enjoy their attempts.

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Febey, Renaud named All-State

Two Grayling High School varsity ski team members were named to the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association's All-State Teams.

Seniors Karen Febey and Jon Renaud were recognized by Michigan's ski coaches for their performances this season against the state's toughest competitors, despite their not qualifying for the state meet, said Coach Michael Wieland.

"Our region is very tough and a lot

of good skiers don't make it out of there to the state finals. Other coaches and skiers recognize this and supported the Grayling skiers' selection."

These prestigious honors, as well as other team honors, were announced by Coach Wieland at the ski team's annual awards banquet, held March 12.

Other awards included:
Girls Team Top Consistency: Febey, sophomore Jessica McClain, junior Elissa Cox;

Boys Team Top Consistency: Renaud, sophomore Jon Noteware and junior Clem Lochner;
Most Girls Team Victories: Febey, senior Angie Harland and Cox;
Most Boys Team Victories: Renaud, Noteware, senior Chris Lehti;
Most Valuable Skiers: Febey and Renaud.

Girls team varsity award recipients were: Febey, McClain, Cox, Harland, senior Tara Bertalan, sophomore Amy Furst, sophomore Suzy Lovely and

sophomore Jennie Evans.

Boys team varsity award winners included: Noteware, Renaud, Lochner, Lehti, sophomore Mike Hartman, senior Scott Hartman, junior Jamie SanCartier, junior Josh Wyss, junior Jeff Welke, junior Ryan Frederick, senior Shane Lovely and junior Jeremy Bowers.

Junior varsity awards were given to: junior Levon Gilman, junior Sarah Micek, freshman Kama Case and freshman Pete Radzwion.

Kent, Mack end year at finals

Sophomore Ken Kent (112 pounds) and junior Sam Mack (135 pounds), members of the Grayling High School wrestling team, completed the season with 12th place finishes at the state finals tournament, held March 13-14, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Kent had a really good first match, said Coach Don Ferguson, when he pinned Matt Lintemuth, a senior from Caledonia, only 2:31 minutes into the first period.

In his second match, Kent was defeated, 16-4, by the wrestler who won the 112-pound championship, senior Judd Videto, from Jackson County Western.

In his third match, Kent was pinned

by senior Bill Daggett of Crosswell-Lexington.

Mack fell, 9-6, in the first round to Steven Grey of Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook.

In his second match, he came back to pin Jerry Crowder of St. Joseph.

In his third match, Mack lost, 12-5, to Ron Stewart of Grand Rapids Forest Hills.

There was excellent competition this year, said Ferguson.

"Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena was filled up with over 5,000 people in attendance."

"It was a privilege to be there and be able to compete with that kind of talent."

Men's Basketball League

Tournament results
Championship game, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18, North End Grocery/Copper Kettle vs. Weyerhaeuser.
Holiday Inn, 55: Hamlin, 15; Dean, 11; Madill, 9; D. Hinkle, Norman, 6; Coors, Smith, 4. Dawn Donuts, 39: J. Parkinson, 12; Fortino, 9; K. Parkinson, 4; M. Laige, J. Lange, 3; Hartman, Hopp, R. Harland, Murf, 2.
Weyerhaeuser, 77: Trenary, 21; Mead, McEvers, 16; Krey, 15; Dandy, 7; Cottenham, 2. R & H Sports/Bud Light, 63: Dick, 23; D. Metzger, 16;

Palmer, 6; Smith, 5; C. Bonamie, Brande, 4; Metzger, 3; Herrick, 2.
North End Grocery/Copper Kettle, 77: Junttila, 19; D. Bonamie, 12; Bindschattel, 11; Latusek, 10; Larkin, 9; Doremire, 7; Annis, 5; Beckwith, 4.
Holiday Inn, 56: Hamlin, 19; Dean, 10; Madill, 8; D. Hinkle, Norman, Smith, 5; Kaiser, 4.
Weyerhaeuser, 77, OT: McEvers, 19; Trenary, 14; Krey, 13; Dandy, 9; Mead, 8; Cottenham, 8; Gothro, 4; Pollen, 2. Cornell/Spikes, 70: Hull, 31; Hinkle, 11; Burkett, 9; Madsen, Thompson, 7; Fox, 5.

GMS wrestlers win

The Grayling Middle School wrestling team took 19 medals in an invitational tournament at Whittemore-Prescott on March 14.

Grayling entered 28 matmen, said Coach Bill Bedford. "They wrestled real well. I had some beginning wrestlers who did quite well and others who—through improvement over the past weeks have gained some technique and experience—got some wins under their belts."

Age 9-10 winners included:
Sean Dushane (75 pounds), 1st; Guy Thurston (heavyweight), 2nd; and Out Medeiros (heavyweight), 1st.
Age 11-12 winners were:
Chris Ramsey (60 pounds), 1st;

Dana Beckwith (75 pounds), 1st; Andy Radzwion (80 pounds), 2nd; Ben Malonen (85 pounds), 3rd; Damon Morgan (85 pounds), 1st; Joe Fellows (95 pounds), 3rd; Travis Hopp (100 pounds), 1st; Josh Taylor (105 pounds), 1st; and Nathan Niederer (119 pounds), 3rd.

Age 13-14 winners included:
Brett Hopp (90 pounds), 2nd; Steve McEvers (95 pounds), 3rd; Monte Malonen (107 pounds), 3rd; Joe Medeiros (114 pounds), 1st; Andy VanGilder (122 pounds), 3rd; Jason Hall (138 pounds), 3rd; and David Harris (170 pounds), 1st.

The GMS matmen travel to Charlevoix for their final tournament on Saturday, March 21.

Senior Citizen News

By Jan Farley

The recent cold snap has really put a chill on everyone's attendance for our functions, even the Congregate Dining has been hit. We are all looking forward to getting our Spring back. That little taste we had of it was not enough and just whetted our appetites for more.

Hospice of Crawford County will be holding six consecutive week sessions of Bereavement Support at Grayling Mercy Hospital in the private dining room; 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday evenings beginning March 16th and ending on April 20th, for additional information call Hospice of Crawford County 517-348-5461, ext. 128.

Please save your Spartan labels for us, just the UPC code, however, no pop cans. We can get 2 cents each and we want to save up for the new cups so that we can have all glass. Thanks for saving the Glen's green slips too, we really appreciate your efforts.

Congregate meals are served at 12 noon and five o'clock. Call for reservations, 348-7123. Donation for seniors, \$1.50, and \$2.50 cost for those under 60. Menus listed as Lunch/

Dinner:

Wednesday-18-Italian Pork Roast/ Beef Tips & Gravy;
Thursday-19-Liver & Onions/Home Fried Steak;
Friday-20-Chicken & Dumplings;
Monday 23-Wiener Schnitzel/Fish;
Tuesday 24-Chicken/Spaghetti & Meatballs;
Wednesday-25-Swiss Steak/Beef Pot Pie;
Thursday-26-Baked Ham/Chicken Stir Fry;
Friday-27-Beef Stew.

Special Dates:
March 18-Funfest at 12 — please call in your reservations for lunch.
March 20-Lovells Satellite at 11:30 a.m. and at the Center at 1:30-Legal Help on a walk-in basis.
March 24-5:30, "Wheel Type" games; based on Wheel of Fortune.
March 25-Blood pressures and sugars taken 11:30 to 1 p.m.
March 26-5:30, Dance with Tina Kennedy.
March 31-5:30, the drawing for the monthly "Frequent Eaters" prize and also, a special extra bonus Cards Night.

Editor's Quote Book

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Leslie G. McGram, Jr.

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1992 SPRING TREE ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Address _____

	Age	Size	1,000	500	100	50	25	Quantity	Price
CONIFERS									
N. White CEDAR	2-0		\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 20	\$ 12	\$ 7		
Douglas FIR	2-0	6-12"	\$ 120	\$ 72	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 8		
Jack PINE	2-0	8-14"	\$ 95	\$ 57	\$ 17	\$ 10	\$ 6		
Red PINE	3-0	8-12"	\$ 120	\$ 72	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 8		
Scotch PINE*	2-0	4-10"	\$ 105	\$ 63	\$ 19	\$ 11	\$ 7		
(Available to Christmas tree growers only.)									
White PINE	2-0	6-12"	\$ 110	\$ 66	\$ 20	\$ 12	\$ 7		
Blue SPRUCE	2-0	8-10"	\$ 120	\$ 72	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 8		
Norway SPRUCE	3-0	12-15"	\$ 140	\$ 84	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ 9		
White SPRUCE	3-0	12-15"	\$ 145	\$ 87	\$ 26	\$ 16	\$ 10		
HARDWOOD TREES									
White BIRCH		12-18"	\$ 170	\$ 102	\$ 31	\$ 18	\$ 11		
Flowering CRAB		6-12"	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 23	\$ 14	\$ 9		
Russian OLIVE		12-18"	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 8		
Hybrid POPLAR		12-24"	\$ 220	\$ 132	\$ 40	\$ 24	\$ 14		
WILDLIFE SHRUBS									
Autumn Olive		12-18"	\$ 140	\$ 84	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ 9		
Red Osier Dogwood		12-18"	\$ ---	\$ 72	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 8		
Elderberry		12-24"	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 58	\$ 35	\$ 21		
Honeysuckle		12-18"	\$ ---	\$ 72	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 8		
Common Lilac		6-12"	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 58	\$ 35	\$ 21		
Wildlife APPLE Trees:	4-6 ft. (1 Red Mac & 1 Empire)							\$15/pr	
WILDFLOWER SEEDS:	1 oz. pkt. (100 sq. ft.)							\$ 3.00 each	
WILDLIFE PACKET:	(Includes 8 of each species—Highbush Cranberry, Roseau Crabapple, Washington Hawthorn, Black Locust and American Bittersweet)							\$15.00--\$ Packets Assembled	
PLANTING DIBBLES								\$25.00 each	
TERRA BORD (root moisturizer)	\$ 2.00 pkt. (treats 1000 seedlings)								
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____									
Orders accepted on first-come, first-served basis as supply lasts. Pick-up is scheduled for April 24 & 25th.									
NOTE: "It is unlawful for these trees and shrubs to be resold with the roots attached."									

Kindergarten Carnival to replace traditional roundup

The traditional Crawford AuSable School District kindergarten roundup will be replaced this year with Kindergarten Carnival. In an effort to create a friendlier atmosphere, the kindergarten carnival will provide entertaining activities for the children and informative sessions for parents. No pre-kindergarten testing will be done.

The children will receive balloons and T-shirts proclaiming them as members of the Grayling High School Class of 2005. They will have the opportunity to take a bus ride, and to

participate in art and music activities. Parents will meet the principals, counselor, speech therapist, occupational therapist, transportation supervisor, secretaries, and teachers. They will have the opportunity to have questions answered and to receive kindergarten readiness information. Appointments for vision screening and hearing screening in May will be made during the carnival.

The kindergarten roundup previously scheduled for March 23 at the Frederic Elementary and March 30 and 31 at the Grayling Elementary

has been cancelled. The kindergarten carnival will be held Monday, April 27, at the Frederic Elementary and Tuesday, April 28, at the Grayling Elementary. Parents may take their children to either carnival regardless of the school their children will attend. The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.

The kindergarten carnival is for all children who will be of kindergarten age for the next school year and their parents. Children must be five years old by December 1 of this year.

Parents who have not already registered their children for

kindergarten this fall are asked to do so at this time. Registration forms are available at either elementary school and at the central office building next to the Grayling State Bank. Parents who have completed one of the pink registration forms earlier this winter do not need to fill out another form.

Questions regarding the kindergarten carnival or kindergarten registration may be directed to Grayling Elementary Principal Barbara Mick, Frederic Elementary Principal Pat Nunn, or Superintendent Kent Reynolds at 348-7641.

30 teams expected for Pictionary Olympics

Almost 30 teams will be competing for first, second, and third place trophies Thursday March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall

in the 5th Annual Pictionary Olympics. Additional teams signed up since last week are:

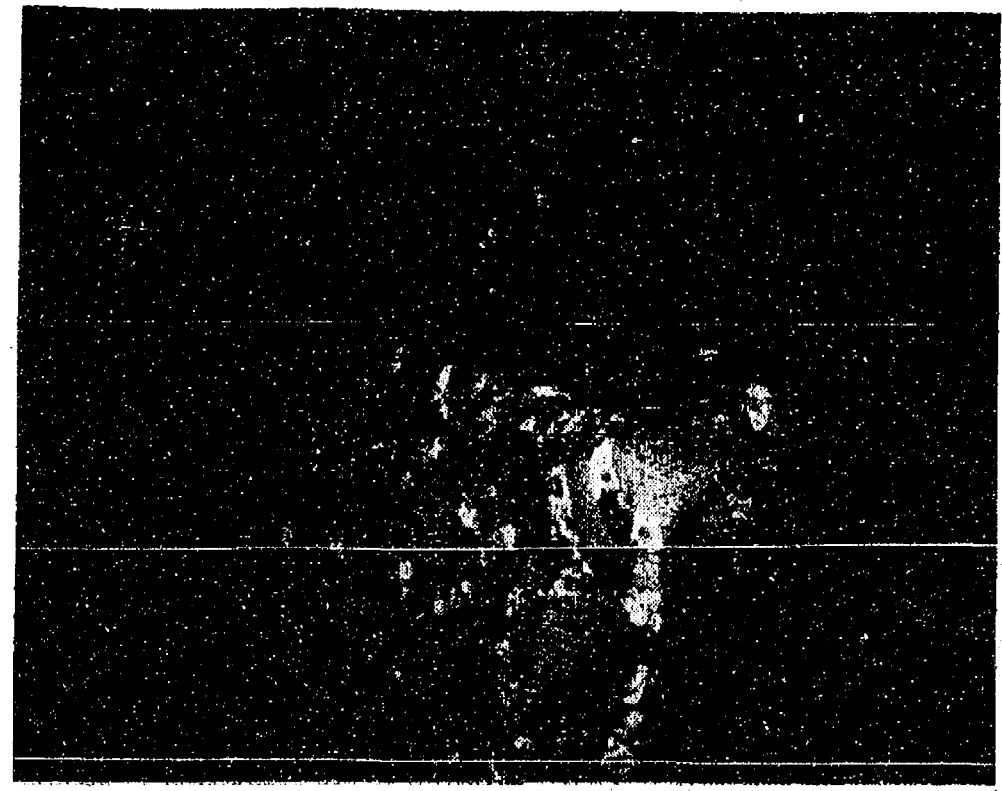
23. Bears County Inn/Terry's Sport

Center: Marilyn McCannahan, Pam Terry, Rene Kohnert, Debby Lobsinger; 24. A Cut Above: Shawn Pasik, Dawn Burrick, Mary Neal, Diane Christman, alternate, Cheryl Alef; 25. Airway Automation: Ed Albright, Joan Malinowski, Sue Kersch; 26. Mercy Hospital: Dr. Blair Murphy, Dr. Jeffrey Chaulk, Dr. Lewis Habryl, Butch Corwin; 27. Cornell Insurance/Realty: John Naour, Norma Naour, Jim Ritter; 28. Grayling Restaurant: (team not completed).

M.C., John Jones; Judges, Circuit Judge Alton (Tom) Davis, Probate Judge John Hunter; Timers: Bill

Klinger and Mary Jane Knibbs; Word Portrayer: Sandy Shellfish-Davis; Business Caricatures: Linda Greenway; couches compliments of Comfort Center; trophies compliments of R & H Sports; game equipment compliments of Mercy Hospital and Advanced Business Machines, pictures, Mac's Drug Store.

Additional teams will be accepted through Wednesday. If anyone is interested in being on a team but has not been approached call Mo McNamara, 348-2171 or 348-2181. We have more sponsors but not enough players.



80TH ANNIVERSARY GIRL SCOUT QUILT—Tickets are on sale at the Icehouse in Grayling for \$1 each for the Girl Scouts 80th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt raffle. The drawing will be held May 2 with all proceeds going to the Mitten Bay Council. Pearl Slater of Vassar, made the quilt with donations of material or labor from the Calico Junction Quilt Shop, Saginaw; The Icehouse Quilt Shop, Grayling; Cass River Quilters' Guild, Vassar; Judy Hines, Vassar; Doris Nolan, Midland; Diane Stekl, Fairgrove; and Kathy Wertz, Midland.

Foehr earns FSU honors

Linda Joy Foehr of Grayling, was named to the Ferris State University's winter quarter academic honors list. To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 quarter hours of work.

THE AVALANCHE
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SPORTS PAPER

Lovells News

Mr. and Mrs. George Lehto enjoyed a vacation in Las Vegas.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet Thursday, March 19, at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Senior Citizen day will be held Friday, March 20, with blood pressure being taken at 11:30 a.m., and dinner at 12.

Larry Wilson is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. His many friends wish him the very best.

Bowling League

Pioneer League		Flowers		Thursday Coffee League	
Dawson's	24-16	Men's High Game: A. Wilde, 212, F. Krolkowski, 204, B. Dandy, 180.	Men's High Series: A. Wilde, 528, G. Wolfe, 505, H. Jacobs, 496.	Helix & Pinewood	33
Millikins	23-17	Women's High Game: E. Hubert, 166, A. Payne, 160, L. Dandy, 158.	Women's High Series: D. Hall, 412, D. Burrick, 402, A. Payne, 402.	Legion Lanes	30.5
Skips Sport Shop	23-17	American 2nd Division		Bloomquist, Wegner, & Law	24
F.O.E. Aux.	22-18	Northland App.	19	New Life	21.5
Aunt Betty's	19-21	Hardee's	18	Dan's Dolls	17
Avalanche	18-22	Skip's	17.5	AuSable Const.	17
Chemical Bank	17-23	Glen's	16.5	Spikes	17
Mercy Hospital	14-26	McLean's Ace	16	Airway	16
High Game: S. Bryant, 203, K. Morrill, 201, C. Jones, 189. High Series: C. Jones, 518, J. Hinds, 472, K. Morrill, 470.		American Legion	15	High Game: B. DeHart, 201, M. Koch, 188, J. Malinowski, 187. High Series: J. Malinowski, 538, M. Koch, 530, B. DeHart, 509.	
Northwood League		Upper Lakes	10	Sunday Afternoon Fun League	
Dr. Dean	32	Patti's	8	Murdick's Fudge	35
Econo Cuts	32	High Game: S. Czapke, 228, D. Canfield, 223, L. Davis Jr., 221. High Series: D. Canfield, 624, S. Czapke, 615, L. Davis Jr., 610.		Grayling Restaurant	32
Graceful Grammas	28	National 1st Division		Helselt Forest Products	31
Bubbles Belles	28	Legion Lounge	27	Milwaukee Drywall	27.5
Ben Franklin	28	Carlisle Paddles	24.5	Vic Parsons	26
Faustman's Ins.	26	Budweiser	23	Trail Campground	20.5
Goodale's Bakery	26	Bear's Country Inn	22.5	Spikes Keg O Nails	20
Ghosts	8	Copper Kettle	20	Canquest	16
High Game: B. Wilcox, 174, L. Bergquist, R. Owens, 160, J. Tobias, B. Helsel, 159. High Series: B. Helsel, 456, T. Raybould, 431, R. Owens, 429.		Bagles #3465	17	Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles	
Triangle League		G-P Products	14	Drakes	35-17
Rosc. Family Dentistry	99.5-60.5	Northland Appliance	12	Rochette's IGA	32-20
R & R Auto	96-64	High Game: K. Lovely, P. Wilson, 212, B. Peters, 203, J. Helsel, 201. High Series: D. Canfield, 562, J. Helsel, 550, P. Wilson, 537.		Duey's	31-21
Wolohan Lumber	85.5-74.5	Recreation League		Down River Ace	26-26
Silver Dollar	82.5-77.5	Sears	23	K. A. Wakefield	23-29
Red Barn	77-83	Holiday Inn	20	R & R Auto Sales	22-30
Stitches by Sue	72-88	Mickey Perez	17	Custom Interiors	20-32
Milltown Feed	64.5-95.5	Bears Country Inn	17	Raber Bay Bandits	19-33
Ed's Team	63-97	Shell Haven	16	Men's High Game: B. Cincials, 192, M. Harris, 186, B. Neilson, 185. Men's High Series: R. Kea, 521, B. Woolsey, 520, R. Hinds, 503.	
High Game: J. Southard, 221, K. Rucinski, 220, C. Chisholm, 204. High Series: J. Southard, 555, R. Pyle, 540, K. Rucinski, 531.		Fabiano Bros.	15	Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 211, D. Fedewa, 197, N. Cincials, 175. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 500, Y. Steffes, 469, D. Fedewa, 467.	
Senior Citizen Bowling		Glen's Market	11	MARCH 1992	
Tottens Body Shop	60.5-35.5	Cornell Real Estate	9	SPRING BEGINS!	
Cornell's	52.5-43.5	High Game: P. Terry, 201, 199, A. Latusek, 190, K. Vandecar, 189. High Series: P. Terry, 530, D. Lobsinger, 496, A. Latusek, 479.		THURS. 19	•LEARNING THROUGH MUSIC Community Education Concert Series, CMU Jazz Band @ high school auditorium, 7:30 pm.
Weaver's	52.5-43.5			FRI. 20	•PICTIONARY OLYMPICS @ K of C Hall, 7:30 pm. Sponsored by Grayling Promotional Association in support of the 1992 AuSable River Festival Parade.
McLean's	50.5-45.5			SAT. 21	•FIRST DAY OF SPRING! •VB STATE FINALS •COA legal help available beginning @ 1:30 pm - no Charge for these Senior legal Consultations.
Bucilli's	49-47			SUN. 22	•VB STATE FINALS •ENJOY THE SCENIC AUSABLE or Manistee Rivers during a SPRING canoe trip!
Larry & Joan's	46.5-49.5			MON. 23	•SHOP DOWNTOWN GRAYLING; many unique shops to choose from, and there is always plenty of free parking.
R & H Sports	37.5-55.5			TUES. 24	•FREDERIC ELEMENTARY report cards sent home.

Avalanche Deadlines

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

NOTICE MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

A Public Meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Thursday, March 19, 1992, at 7:00 pm to enable township residents and any interested persons to discuss and question all aspects of the sale and operation of the landfill.

Susan Keene
Clerk

-12-19

NOTICE

Bear Lake Township is now accepting bids from persons interested in the position of Assessor of Bear Lake Township, to maintain the tax rolls. Level one Assessor is required. Submit bids to the Clerk at 2424 Birchcrest, Kalkaska, MI 49646. The Bear Lake Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids must be received by March 31st, 1992. The bids will be reviewed at the regular April 7th meeting.

M. Laskowski
Clerk

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BOAT SLIP AUCTION

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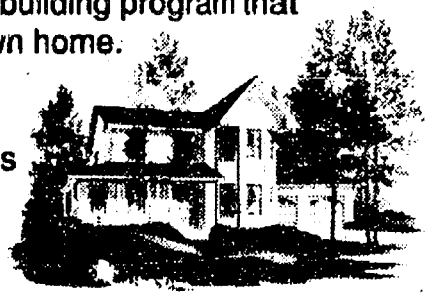
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WED. 25	•BBB STATE QUARTERFINALS. •ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ noon, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm, meeting 5:30 pm. •NORTH FLIGHT ambulance crew will do blood pressure & blood sugar screenings @ COA from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

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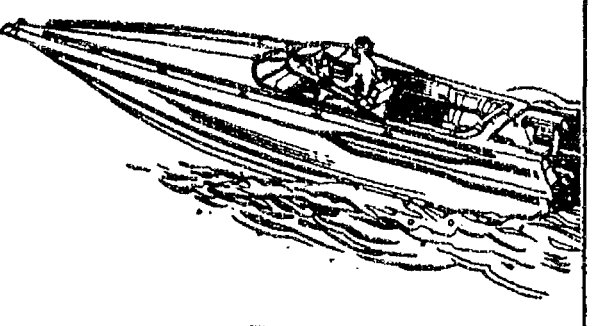
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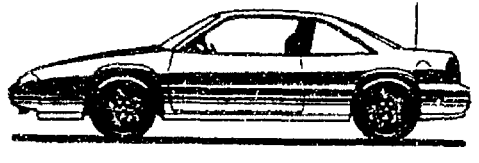
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Bindschatel, Sorenson wed

Erin Kristine Bindschatel, daughter of Mr. Martin Bindschatel of Frederic and James and Donna Carmean of Grayling and MS3 Terry Allen Sorenson, son of James and Mickey Sorenson of Grayling were united in marriage on Saturday, November 23, 1991, at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Robert Gordon performing the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white, satin and lace gown. She carried a bouquet of wild flowers with a lace backing.

Serving as maid of honor was Tanya Latuszek, a long time friend of the bride. Holly Shipley, Barbra Green and Erna LaVigne served as brides-

maids. They wore black dresses with white, lace collars and carried smaller bouquets like the brides'.

Serving as best man was Jeremie Harwood, a long time friend of the groom. Thomas Sorenson, James Sorenson, Jr., and Christopher Bindschatel served as groomsmen. The groom wore his military uniform. The men wore black tuxedos with tails. Thomas Miller and William Miller served as ushers.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The couple is now residing in Dahlgren, Virginia.



Myhera, Thompson wed

Michael George Myhera and Monica Marie Thompson were united in marriage on Wednesday, December 17, 1991, in Neckargemund am Neckar, Deutschland (Germany). Michael is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Blaha of Grayling and Port Charlotte, Florida, and the late William (Mickey) Myhera. Monica is the daughter of William K. Thompson of Detroit and Mary Ann Thompson of Farmington Hills.

Armin Uberhofen and Beatrix Tewes, both of Heidelberg, Germany. Monica attended Central Michigan University and Michael is a graduate of Northwood Institute in Midland and Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. He is employed as a Computer Network Integration Consultant to Headquarters, US Army Europe, in Heidelberg. The couple will continue to reside in Heidelberg for an indefinite period of time.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha attended their son's wedding.

Hendrickson named Acting Under Secretary of Energy

Secretary of Energy James D. Watkins has designated Tom A. Hendrickson to serve as Acting Under Secretary effective February 21, 1992. Hendrickson was appointed Director of the Office of New Production Reactors (NPR) on December 11, 1991, and he will continue to fulfill that role while serving as Acting Under Secretary.

"I am pleased to announce Tom Hendrickson's designation as Acting Under Secretary," said Admiral



Tom Hendrickson

Watkins. "He has fine tuned the NPR program to meet the changing requirements resulting from the reconfiguration of our nuclear weapons complex. Tom continues to be a vital asset to the DOE team."

Hendrickson has more than 30 years of government and private industry experience, predominantly in the field of nuclear energy. Prior to becoming Director of the NPR office, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy in DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy.

Hendrickson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from Harvard, a Master of Science degree in Physics from Georgetown University, and is a graduate of the Westinghouse Bettis Reactor Engineering School.

He and his wife, Anne Marie Church, a former Grayling resident, reside in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Do you Know the way to
San Jose

For the second straight year, more people moved away from California than migrated into the state. In addition, most Northeast states continued to lose population as well, with Massachusetts experiencing its greatest out-migration while the Northwest and Southwest remained favorite destinations for Americans on the move.

Hunter Safety course offered

A Hunter Safety course will be held on March 23-25 and 30th in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse from 6-9 p.m. each night. Enroll through the Crawford County 4-H at 348-2841, ext. 264.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTION

On March 10, 1992, the Grayling Township Board adopted Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 which will become effective on April 20, 1992. Current Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 83-4 will be repealed on April 20, 1992.

The purpose of Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 is to update, correct and re-number Ordinance 83-4.

Draft copies of Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Offices, 2090 Viking Way (off M-72), Grayling, MI, 49738 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A summary of the differences between Ordinance 83-4 and the new Ordinance 92-2 follows:

1. Various spelling and grammar corrections.
2. Incorporation into the format several amendments and ordinances adopted since the inception of Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 83-4 in October of 1983.
- 3.
- Sec. # Pg. # CHANGE
- 1.0 1 Remove word "convenience"
- 3.0 2 Add: After Building — Non conforming
- 3.0 Add definitions of:
(A) Building: A structure, whether site-built or premanufactured, enclosed, roofed, built erected, and framed of component parts designed for the housing, shelter or enclosure of individuals, animals, or property of any kind.
(B) Fence: A structure not to exceed six feet in height and of definitive location maintained to screen and/or separate a use from adjacent property.
(C) Structure: Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground, including commercial advertising signs, specifically excluding fences.
- 3.0 4 Under Lot add: "If a lot is located in more than one zoning district, structural characteristics such as height, size and out buildings must conform to the requirements of the district in which the structure is located. Any use of the lot must conform to the requirements of the district in which the use shall be made. If either a structure on the lot or a use of the lot extends into more than one district such structures or uses must conform to the requirements of the district which are more restrictive.
- 3.0 6A Remove Temporary Occupancy-term and description
- 3.0 7 Add: Temporary Residence: Ord. 90-1 Items 1-6.
- 7.1E 10 Amendment shall take effect 30 days after publication.
- 10.1 11 Remove: both and convenient to
- 10.2C 11 Change: Temporary Occupancy to Temporary Residence
- 10.2D 11 Add: D. Storage of one temporary recreational structure on the rear of a lot containing a permanent dwelling with due regard to side and rear yard requirements for accessory buildings. (sec. 20.1B4). (Amend. 86-3).
- 10.4F Delete
- 11.1 12 Remove: both and convenient to
- 11.2E 12 Change Temporary Occupancy to Temporary Residence
- 11.2F 12 Add "Storage of one temporary recreational structure. . ."
- 11.4G 12 Delete
- 12.3E 14 Delete
- 13.0 14 (C-2) LIGHT Commercial
- 13.1 14 Intent: To establish and preserve a district for light commercial use along with those industrial uses which are more compatible with light commercial than with other industrial.
- 15 15 Replace Green Belt Section with Natural River District per 1988 Ordinance.
- 15.3B Add: "and other flowing bodies of water that ultimately flow into the mainstream."
- 15.5A Add (See Sec. 20.0)
- 15.5C 6th line, 7th word: change to "inside"
- 15.11A 5th line: add "partially" between to & screen
- 15.19C Footnote 2 Add: Incline of at least 75 degrees and height of at least 40 feet.
- 15.28 Remove: and convenient to
- 16.1 28 Add: (See Sec. 20.1B)
- 16.2D 17 Delete
- 16.4H 17A Change to read: "a strip parallel with the water's edge and based on the original zone which shall be strictly maintained. . ."
- 18.12C & 17.4 23 A. Scope of regulations to limit height, bulk, density, area and placement by district.
1. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this ordinance, no building or "structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected constructed, altered, or maintained, except in conformity with the provisions of the ordinance, including all requirements of the schedule of regulations on the following page.
*Except signs which come under the Sign Ordinance #85-1.
80,000 sq. ft. 200' *varies 40' 50' 960 sq. ft. 35'
*See Section 15.7
- 20.0 30 Delete second sentence.
- 20.1 G(1) 33 H. Open storage of any equipment vehicles, automotive accessories and all materials, including wastes, shall be screened from the public view, public streets and from adjoining properties within a completely enclosed structure as provided for in G.T.Z.O. 84-4. (see also Sec. 24, Ord. 83-4; Landscaping Regulations.)
- 20.1 H 34 Change river dock to match 15.9 (Docks)
- 20.1 J 34 Lake docks change to read: Lake docks may be constructed not to exceed 8 feet in width or extend more than 100 feet.
- 20.1 K 34 Change to match 15.10B (Sanitary Systems)
- 20.1 M It has a minimum first floor area of 960 sq. ft. for a one story dwelling and 700 sq. ft. for a two story with a minimum total of 960 sq. ft. for both stories.
It has a minimum cross-section of 24 feet X 20 feet and complies in all respects. . .
... service of food and drinks, except liquor. (Change with to except)
- 20.1 M(2) 45 Last line: health, safety and welfare
- 23.2A (7)c Delete
- 27.2E Add to Deferred Dev. protection strip as described in Sec. 18.12 (c)
- 27.4A (2) 58 Add: "majority" of other lands, not "any" other lands.
- 28.0 (o)
- 32.4B(a)

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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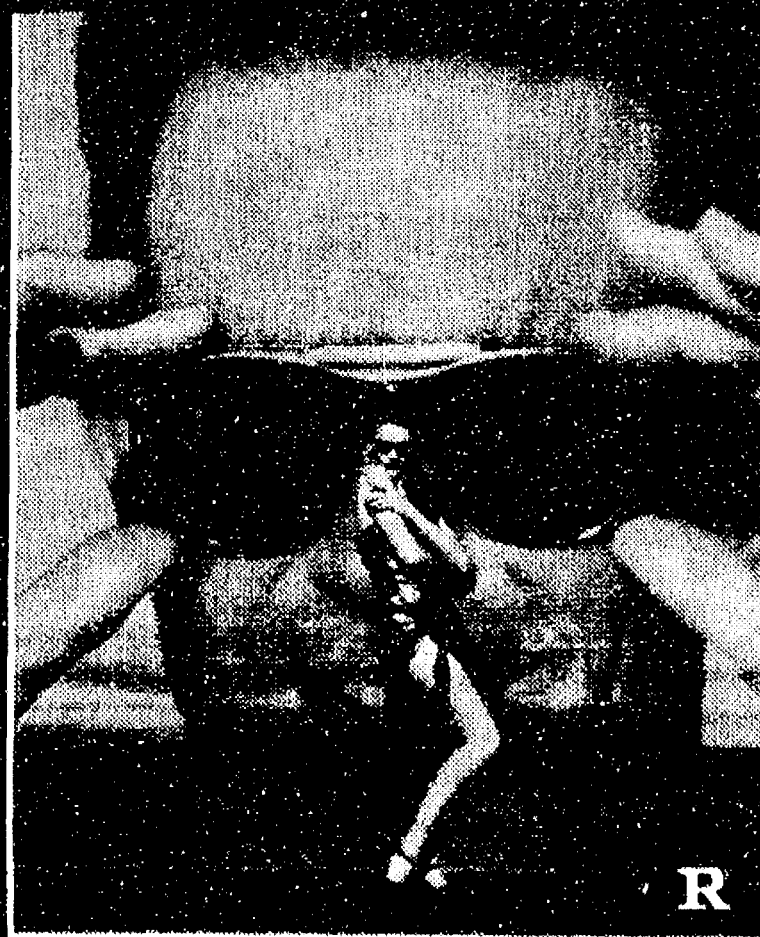
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The Meadows Of Grayling News

By Carolyn Poll, Activity Director

Our garage sale was a success. Many came and purchased items and also donated a little extra. On March 23rd we will have coffee and doughnuts with Tootie and Bonnie, continue with story hour, and have dance club at 6:30 to kick up our heels.

Tuesday, March 24th, some of our residents will be dining for lunch at Bear's Country Inn from 11:30-1:30. They will get the chance to order from the menu. Wednesday the 25th, the Resident Council will meet at 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we will celebrate

residents who have birthdays in March. Helen Mack will hold Bible study at 4 p.m. down A-wing. Thursday we plan to play Win, Lose, or Draw at 9:30 and Bingo with Jerry at 1:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to come to play Bingo with us, come on in. On Friday bowling is planned at 1:30 and Mary Noa to play the piano at 2:30. On Saturday and Sunday many friends and family stop in and visit. Bingo will be played at 9:15 to 11:15 on Saturday. Have a great week. A new volunteer is assisting us, Catherine Pelton.

Obituaries

Hazel Carver

Hazel L. Carver, 87, of Kalkaska, died early Monday morning, March 9, 1992, at the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 11, 1992, at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Kalkaska, with the Reverend Craig Hexham and Elder David Rosenberg officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Kalkaska.

Mrs. Carver was born in Matoon, Wisconsin, on March 13, 1904, daughter of the late Anton and Daisy Welsh Amerson. She was married on January 9, 1938, to Alfred Roy Carver. She moved to Kalkaska from Ferndale in 1967. She was a member of the Grayling Chapter No. 83 Order of the Eastern Star and was affiliated with the Bear Lake Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Carver, and one brother, Donald Amerson. Mrs. Carver is survived by one sister-in-law, Edith Amerson of Arkansas, and several nieces and nephews.

William Batten

William R. (Jack) Batten, 73, of Grayling, died March 11, 1992, at his residence. Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 17, 1992, at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia with the Reverend Roger Stambaugh officiating.

Mr. Batten was born October 18, 1918, in Trenton, Michigan, to the late Thomas and Viola (Sanborn) Batten. He was a retired assembler for Ford Motor Company and he moved to Grayling 17 years ago. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nedra, in 1983.

Survivors include: daughter, Pamela and Timothy Smith of Warren, and Paula and Robert Rowland of Livonia; sisters, Mary Gassman of Alger, Vivian Harris and Phyllis Santo of Frankfort; and five grandchildren.

Margaret Hellebuyck

Margaret "Midge" Hellebuyck, 33, of Roscommon, died March 13, 1992, at her residence after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, 1992, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Roscommon, with the Father John McCracken officiating. Burial was in Higgins Cemetery.

Mrs. Hellebuyck was born May 2, 1958, in Grayling, to John E. and Margaret A. (Lake) Cherven. She was married to Kenneth J. Hellebuyck on September 23, 1982, in Boyne City. She was a business manager for K & K Masonry and a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ken; one son, Ken "Bo" Hellebuyck, at home; two daughters, Nicole and Danielle, at home; parents, Marlene and John Cherven of Roscommon; grandparents, Harold and Pearl Lake of Roscommon; two brothers, Dale (Bonnie) Cherven and Mark Cherven, both of Roscommon; three sisters, Jacqui (Mark) Ponkey of Traverse City, Yvonne (Bob) Pepperman of Roscommon, and Andrea (John) Davis of Rapid City, South Dakota; 44 nieces and nephews; and many close friends.

Memorials may be directed to: Hellebuyck Children's Education Fund, c/o Bonnie Cherven, 11391 Billman Road, Roscommon, MI, 48653.

Woodland Indian conference explores cultural heritage

The Native American Arts & Crafts Council and Mackinac Historical State Parks are sponsoring an exploration of Woodland Indian history and traditional values. This conference is planned as an opportunity for native and non-native American families and educators to gather and explore this rich cultural heritage. This conference will examine topics relating to Woodland Indian history and culture both at the international, national, and Michigan levels. Presentation by scholars from across the Upper Great Lakes Region are scheduled on pre-contact, contact, nineteenth and twentieth century issues.

The event will be held at the Mackinac State Historic Parks Scout Barracks on Mackinac Island, Michigan, from May 15-17. The conference includes evening reception and special entertainment at Scout Barracks on Saturday, May 16, featuring Indian drum and traditional dancing. Informational displays and

book exhibits will be part of the conference.

For conference and registration information, write or call: Robin L. Menefee, Executive Director of Native American Arts & Crafts Council, PO Box 1049, Goose Creek Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, (517) 348-3190, or Dr. Philip Porter, Curator of Interpretation, Mackinac State Historic Parks, Box 873, Mackinac City, Michigan, 49701, (616) 436-5563.

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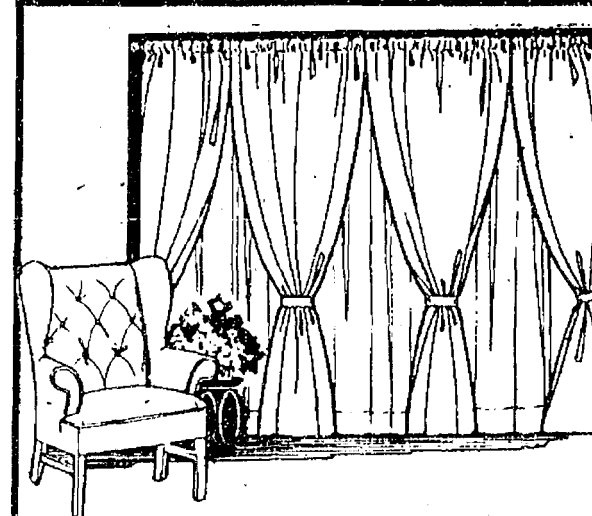
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This free monthly clinic is conducted by nurses from the Crawford County Chapter of the American Red Cross, with assistance from the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. Individuals of all ages are encouraged to attend and learn more about factors affecting blood pressure.

For more information contact Donna Plun, Volunteer and Community Services Coordinator, at 348-0382.

Card of thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Shin, Dr. Gosling, and the staff at Mercy Hospital for their excellent care during my stay there. Also to Rev. Derik Roy and Sister Rosemary for their prayers and support and to all my friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, and visits. It really meant a lot to me. I am really grateful to you all.

Frances Polgar

Card of thanks

We would like to thank our family and friends for their love and support during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the doctors and nursing staff in the O.B. ward at Mercy Hospital.

Matt, Kindra & Whitney Keir

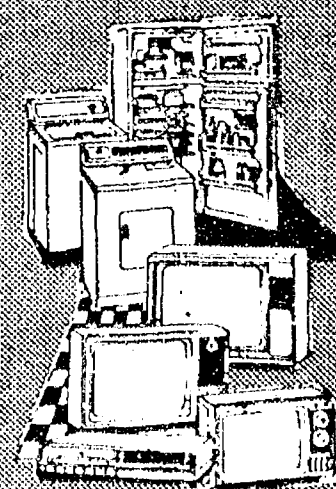
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PRINCIPALS' DAY BREAKFAST--Members of the GHS Student Council prepared a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, doughnuts and toast for their administrators in honor of Principals' Day, celebrated on January 15, by the National Association of Student Councils. S.C. members Sarah Mlcek (11), Clem Lochner (11), Val Schans (11), Kim Haske (9), Andrea Austin (12), Mandy Duvall (9), Rachel Anderson (10), Michelle Parker (12), Eric Dickie (9), Nathaniel Rosi (hidden) (9), Tara Bertalan (12), Shane Lovely (12), Josh Wyss (11) and Andy Lochner (11) pose with Assistant Principal Bently Laser, Assistant Superintendent Paul Lerg and Principal Carl Naghtin.



COMPUTER CLASS--Mr. Brunell, the computer teacher at Frederic Elementary, helps Ryan Michels of Mrs. Wiltse's class learn about computers.

Grayling Middle School

Jamie Cummings
Mrs. Ingvarsson's 7th grade English
Roses

Roses are Red
Violets are blue
Kittens are sweet
and so are you

That is a saying some people use but usually the ending is different.

I think roses are like a peaceful little world. They don't say or do anything, just stand up tall and be proud of what they are.

Roses can be just about any color and stand on large green stems. Roses can be red, black, yellow, pink, peach, and I could still go on. Once I read a newspaper and it said something like this. "Pink roses are sweetheart roses, and black roses mean I don't care much also that yellow roses mean that you light up my life." At the end it said, "Roses that are red mean that you are the one and only in that person's life." It was neat.

Roses are soft, silky and have fresh smelling scents on them in the early dewy morning.

Roses can be turned into a lot of sweet maybe strong smelling subjects. For example, perfume or when dried becomes potpourri. My mom buys pink, sometimes red and black air fresheners. My mom likes the pink one because it smells fresh like from the garden that just bloomed. I like red and black because it is a mixture of sweet and sour smells. It fills the room(s) with scents of roses everywhere. Once I sprayed my room with the red can of roses and I dreamed and dreamed. When I awoke I thought I was in a warm, silky rose garden. It was a great but wierd dream!

Roses to me are red, sweet smelling pieces of heaven. Roses have a way of giving me happiness and memories.

Miguel

Mrs. Ingvarsson's 7th grade English
A Bowl of Fruit

As you walk by the kitchen you see a bowl filled with apples, oranges, grapes, bananas, pears, and peaches. And then, you start to think about all those fruits.

Apples as red as blood as they come into sight. A taste of it as you bite into it makes your mouth water. The sound

as you bite it sounds like a person stepping on dried leaves. It smells like a fresh spring breeze. A particular one has shiny skin that feels like smooth glass.

Then you think about an orange that is as round as a baseball. The sight of juice squirting out as if it were tiny rain drops falling from the sky. The peel sounds like paper being crunched as it comes off.

Suddenly the glare of the grapes as they hang over the edge grabs your attention. The thought of juice squirting into your mouth makes you want to eat them all. The smell of dry wine goes through your head, while the grape feels like a glass ball.

How about a banana says your mind. Why not you say to yourself. That ripe banana as bright as the sun at noon as you look at it. The smell of something good comes right into your mind. The thought of something soft and creamy on your cereal sounds outstanding. Just to feel the smoothness makes your mouth twitch.

While staring helplessly at the floor, you notice a pear. The skin as green as grass in Switzerland. The taste of something magnificent comes into play. While the smell of it is as wonderful as roses in full bloom.

Last but not the least is a peach with skin as colorful as a butterfly. The skin as soft as a baby's skin. Juice squirts out like a volcano as you bite into it.

While you think of all these fruits in your mind, you are reminded that they are mere plastic!

Andy Hunter

Mrs. Wagar, 7th grade
Homework

Homework, homework, it's very unkind.

Don't teachers know that it poisons the mind?

The teachers don't know it, but it's really bad.

The assigning of homework -- it's driving me mad!

If people just knew what this homework does,

They would ban it in an instant because --

It robs you of your precious time, This homework thing which is such a crime.

Grayling Middle School

Mike Bobenmoyer

Mrs. Ingvarsson's 7th grade English
Frog's Pond

The timid sun was blazing the day that my dog finally came out of her red, paint-chipped doghouse. She came out with a subtle limp. Her black fluffy paw touched the ground. Peeking her brown nose out of the homemade house of oak and nails that after a year became so rusted. She started to creep out. Finally, she burst out in a rapture, charging with power toward me. I was ready for her with my bare arms held upright. Her tail wagging wildly in the gush of wind and me, as happy as the sun for her to fall in my arms, as she had when I was a young boy at about the age of six. Running as fast as her little legs could carry her, at about four yards ahead she stops. What could be wrong? She turns her tiny face in suspicion. Sniffing the air and with a stubborn turn, she runs off into the light bristle wood.

I called for her in my high pitched voice about four or five times. Then I stood up from my kneeling position and ran after her. I started through the musky, damp wood thinking I would find her under a pile of wet autumn leaves. She was not there. After about an hour of "no find" of my frisky dog, I started to head back to my house not because I was wet, hungry, tired, and bored, but because I knew she'll find her way back.

An hour or so passed after I ate dinner. I slowly walked up to my bedroom. The stairs creek of maple as my bare dry toes touch it. I open my door with ease and dive into my bed. I lie in my bed relaxed, thinking of nothing. The bed was soft enough to be a cloud, although at this point I wouldn't realize I was lying head first in a vat of newly sharpened steel rods. Exactly like the small Asian boy I had seen in the New York Times, when my dad went to town the day of June 19.

The morning after, I peeked out the tall, clear glass window. No sign of my dog, not even a rustle in the dew-filled leaves of the wood. My stomach hurt. It hurt in a way of a cramp not hunger. I didn't eat. I picked up my old, dirty, winter boots and slid them on. The fit was tight yet comfortable enough to walk in. I slipped on my black, sloppy overcoat. I found a pair of my father's leather gloves in the

pocket. They were left in the long pocket since last spring when I worked in the flower beds of daisies and tulips. They never grew.

I opened the door ever so slowly in a manner that wouldn't wake my night-watch parents. I stepped outside ever so sly.

Through the woods I went, every minute wiping here and there at my face that got wet from the dew off the leaves. My boot caught on something. Quickly, my reflexes churned and to the marsh soil I fell. I laid still for about ten minutes and looked over my puffed up coat, which in the first place never fit, but my dad bought it anyway.

My foot was caught in the root of a huge white pine. The roots my foot was attached to stuck out about a foot. It hurt. Untangling myself, I took two steps toward my dreary path home when I heard a noise. It was a yelp. It sounded close and I could sense it. It's keen voice stunned me, my body froze. I rummaged through the uneven brush and looked around. It was a prodigious rare selection, a common pond. I stepped up to it. Something jumped into the water. If was a frog. At the other end of the small, speckled pond was my dog nursing her fall sprung pup.

Mary Wakeley

Mrs. Ingvarsson's 7th grade English
When the stage is yours

Waiting in the wings before you go on stage to dance is like waiting to meet a blind date. You are nervous, yet you're excited. You know that once you start your date you can't really stop it, and you aren't sure how it will go, if you'll make a fool of yourself, or if you'll keep cool. It's just like that with your dance performance.

When the dancer before you is done, and the lights go down, your stomach becomes an ant farm, full of ants racing around.

When you walk out on stage and take your position, the ants in your stomach are going wild. When the lights come up, the first thing you do is look into the audience. It seems to be made up of everyone that lives in the entire state, maybe the entire country, and they are all waiting to laugh in your face. You know that the stage is yours.

As the music begins it seems you've forgotten all your steps, but luckily they come back to you, just in time. As you take your first steps you start to get into it more. The audience doesn't seem quite so big, and so far you haven't fallen on your face.

Suddenly as you're dancing, you realize the music is taking over. You're just paying attention to your steps and the music. You feel like a bird, soaring and gliding through the air.

As the music starts to end you realize that it wasn't so bad, maybe it was even fun. Of course, you won't remember that the next time you perform.

When the song is done and you take your bow you feel proud and free like a bird -- like you could fly away.

Jerry Balmes

Mrs. Ingvarsson's 7th grade English
The California Gold Rush

One day John Sutter and his friend Clyde were thinking about how they could get rich. The only thing that they could think of was mining for gold. John and Clyde panned for about a week, until they found \$20 worth of gold in an unnamed stream. With that money they bought tools and set up camp.

After five days of looking for gold they were still unsuccessful until Clyde dug his way into a cave with an underground river. The first scoop they took into the river gave them three gold nuggets. John was so happy he started jumping up and down. Suddenly, they heard a rumbling sound and a sheet of rock slid off the wall showing a large amount of gold.

"We're rich," said Clyde, as he started picking up gold off the ground. John and Clyde put all the gold under the floor in their cabin and started looking for more gold. They became the richest people in California.

A couple of months later millions of people were looking for gold in California. Everyone started calling it the "California Gold Rush." Many people were becoming as rich as John and Clyde. People were becoming so greedy for gold that they were risking their lives trying to get to California.

John and Clyde kept their spot secret by sealing off the entrance and exits and making a secret passageway under a large rock. They lived happily ever after and never had to work again.

GHS Players rebuilding program

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tart wet nurse (junior Yolanda Rosi), is also a member of the household. Although she is married to poor Lucas, she eagerly responds to Sganarelle's bold flirtations. But before they can be too naughty, Lucas clumsily intervenes and likewise Martine also appears at the play's end to claim her husband back.

In one of *The Physician's* most hilarious scenes, freshmen Jeff Taylor and Lee Taylor play a father and son duo who highstep ridiculously across the stage to "Doctor" Sganarelle with their heavily accented, nearly unintelligible and exceedingly stupid pleas for medical help for their wife/mother.

All ends happily. Leandre suddenly

inherits a great sum of money, so Geronte loses his objections to the marriage and literally pushes his daughter into the young man's arms. Sganarelle and Martine, now richer but otherwise unchanged, depart for home.

Moliere evidently enjoyed satirizing the physicians of his era. In one scene, Sganarelle (after determining that the family members have no knowledge of Latin), launches into a long, pseudo-medical description of Lucinde's "disease" while his listeners fall asleep from boredom. The nurse even drops the baby from her lap as she drifts off.

In another soliloquy, the "physician" waxes philosophically about the rewards of being in the medical profession—including that when a patient dies, it's his own fault, not the

doctor's.

The cast of the 11-person play includes six freshmen and two sophomores—which bodes well for the future of the GHS theatre program.

Nevertheless, veteran actors Willoughby and Lepsy—familiar faces on the Stripe stage—will be missed after this year. Happily, junior Rosi has one more season in the theatre department when she will be the "old pro."

Glicker's student director/stage manager for *The Physician* was senior Andrea Austin, who has conscientiously performed in that role in plays for the past three years. She and senior prop master Kristin Welch also will be missed after this year for their good backstage work.

Glicker designed the ingenuous sets,

which included an exterior of Sganarelle's modest cabin, logs and tree limbs to create the woods and a fireplace and bed to suggest the interior of Geronte's home. The great bed, turned toward the back, became the exterior of the estate, with trellises and flowers.

Even the set crew carried through the slapstick humor of the play. Freshmen Eric Dickey, Brian Dunkley, Tony Dobry, Jake Lepsy, Travis Patrick and Thomas Oberg acted as a team of six stooges as they moved pieces between scenes.

Seniors Chad Beckett and John DeVries built the sets.

Senior Tanya Black, Austin, Welch, Willoughby and Sue Louchart, of "Stitches by Sue," designed and made the costumes. The wigs and clothing, used to transform high school students into a collection of dupes, dopes and tricksters, were masterful.

Lighting and sound were done by juniors Andrew Lochner and Clement Lochner. Upbeat music before the curtain and during set changes maintained the playful mood and kept the pace up.

The director made a good choice in not inserting an intermission in the play, which took just over an hour to present.

The performance of *The Physician In Spite Of Himself* marks the last 1991-92 offering for the GHS Players and the finale of Glicker's third season at the school.

For the second year in a row, GHS has presented two plays annually. Now if the high school would resurrect the much-loved spring musical, that would bring its extracurricular drama program back to its earlier high level of strength and popularity.

Elementary

Jessica Green

1st grade, Miss Savoie

It all started when Dad went hunting for the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. All of a sudden, Dad fell in a hole! It was big! His friend came to help dad get out of the hole with a ladder!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH--Front row, left to right, Allison Pettyjohn, Evan Glicker, Ravi Ramaswamy, Mike Chontos, Crystal Hermann, Brooke Ginther, Brooke Ferrigan. Second row, Barb Leyland, Crystal Daniels, Sam Schlaff, Tony Johnson, Ramanda Steiger, Tracy Darling, Denise Feldhauser, Melissa Duvall. Third row, Eric Cain, Crystal Tackett, Rachel Harwood, Jamie Cummings, Travis Hopp, Toby Forman, Jamie Padgett, Kelly Stockwell, Amanda Pratt, Chip Williamson. Back row, Erin Mills, Jill Love, Martin Kroell, Josh Larson, Mike Knight, Bethany Pettyjohn, Patrick Lamie, Glen Harmon, Andrea Knepper. Absent: Michelle Herrmann, Amanda Smock. (Photo by Linda Wright)

Verse or Worse

By Joe Murphy

Signs Of The Times

Our world today is controlled by signs and symbols
Flashing lights tell us when to stop and go
Signs and symbols along the roadways
Tell us when to speed up, when to slow

A policeman asks if you saw the arrow
That told just which way to go
Well, man, I didn't even see the Indian
So how was I supposed to know

Signs tell you not to eat or smoke
And not dare pee in the pool
Where to watch for deer crossing the road
Where to watch for kids going to and from school

Signs tell us we will not be served
If we are not wearing shoes and shirt
But I guess it will be all right
If you are not wearing pants or skirt

Signs order us to have a good day
Whether we want to or not
Just a few little signs like that
And an otherwise nice day is shot

Signs tell us to stop and scrape our feet
Before we step on that floor
Another sign saying welcome
Is also hanging on the door

Signs dictate our every waking moment
As we try to follow all those rules
Set forth for us to abide by
By a bunch of nameless fools

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A Look At Our Past from the pages of the Avalanche

23 years ago March 19, 1969

The regional championship game lasted nine seconds too long for the Grayling Vikings as the Shepherd Blue Jays overcame a Viking 44-27 halftime lead as Bill White, Blue Jay forward sank a layup with eight seconds remaining on the clock to win the ball game 69-68.

After careful consideration of all possible courses of action, the Crawford AuSable School Board decided at their March 10 meeting to build a new high school housing grades nine through 12 and to remodel the present high school for use as a middle school housing grades five through eight.

This week *Avalanche* readers begin to see "if it fits." That's the name of the column written by Jim Fitzgerald, editor of the Lapeer County Press, one of Michigan's leading weekly newspapers.

"if it fits" now appears in around 40 newspapers, ranging from the daily in Dayton, Ohio with 110,000 circulation to a weekly in Oakland, California. But most of the "fits" papers are in Michigan.

Mrs. Faith Stripe fell Monday of last week and broke her left wrist.

Gail Hunter arrived home Friday from MSU at East Lansing to spend the term break with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Madsen spent Sunday in Mt. Pleasant with their son, Dane, at CMU.

Keith Bobenmoyer and John Blaine spent last Monday and Tuesday in Milwaukee visiting Keith's sister and husband, John and Martel Sorenson.

The City Fire Department was called out at 9:40 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, to the Roy Elliott home at 304 Charles St., to extinguish a fire of unknown origin which started outside and burned some of the floor and wall, but did not do extensive damage.

Miss Anne Marie Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Church of Grayling, became an initiated member of Epsilon Xi chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority at Adrian College on March 1. Epsilon Xi officially became the 105th collegiate chapter of national Sigma Kappa on March 2.

Anne Marie is a junior at Adrian College.

Earl Whaley, parts specialist since 1955 with the Annual Field Training Equipment Pool, MNG is now parts manager with Bill Hart Ford since last week.

46 years ago March 21, 1946

Ted Bennett, flashy star guard of the Grayling Green Wave was named to the All Conference team at a meeting of the coaches of all the member schools. Along with Bennett, three

Charlevoix players and a Mancelona player completed the first five. Phil Keway, Grayling center, was named on the second team.

A 250 by 80 foot warehouse was destroyed at Camp Grayling by flame last Tuesday night with an expected loss of several hundred thousand dollars. No official estimate of the loss was forthcoming because of the loss of all records. The building was used for the assembling and packing of equipment for various armories around the state and contained at the time of the blaze, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, blankets, and clothing. Over 160 tons of coal were in the basement and destroyed in the flames. The building was mostly a temporary warehouse and most of the bulk equipment was in other buildings at the camp.

Fred Niederer, seaman, second class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer, Grayling, served aboard the USS Columbus attached to the Seventh Fleet in the North China Sea. Commissioned too late to participate in Pacific action, the Columbus is one of the largest and most modern cruisers to join the fleet.

Douglas Nelson reported Saturday morning that he had observed a pair of robins near his home.

Mrs. Ella Hanson Wilcox and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer Jr., attended the Regional basketball finals held at Petoskey High School gymnasium last week. Other Grayling people who attended were Willard Cornell, Don Gothro, Bob Strong, Eddie Holm, Pat Harwood, Bud Caid, Louis Stillwagon, Mike Mathewson, John Hanna, Charles Feldhauser, Leslie Goss, Clifford Papendick, and Ann Weiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson spent the weekend in Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, who have been sojourning in Florida for several weeks have returned to their home in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner of Frederic are parents of a daughter, born March 18.

Among the braver souls in Grayling's young citizens are Eddie Holm, Roy Milnes Jr., Dick Miller, Claire Burns, and Clifford "Kip" Papendick all of whom took a canoe trip down the AuSable last Sunday, going as far as the Wakeley Bridge. This was among the first, if not the first, canoe trip of the season, which does not usually start until later in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ferguson have received word that their son, Fred, has been discharged from the Army as of March 11, after serving three years and two months. Don Ferguson has also been discharged from the Seabees on February 7, having served 2 1/2 years in the Navy, two years of this time being spent in the South Pacific. The Fergusons are expecting their other son, Robert, home from Australia very

soon. Fire broke out last Wednesday night in the County Garage following a small explosion, the origin of which is as yet unknown. One of the big county road trucks took fire doing about \$300 damage to the truck, roughly estimated. William Laurant, night mechanic was on duty when the explosion occurred. The Grayling Fire Department arrived in time to prevent any further damage being done.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman of Gayetown are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell and family.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson at a Sunday night supper included Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gothro and daughter, Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lawler, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick and Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow spent Saturday in Traverse City, visiting Mrs. Papendick's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Newell. They returned by way of Fife Lake, visiting Mrs. Papendick's sister, Mrs. Wells, and father, Clifford Newell.

Nancy Hilton entertained four little friends at a dinner party on March 15 in honor of her 9th birthday.

The City Fire Department was called to the home of Joe Bielski Tuesday afternoon to put out a fire in the woodshed.

69 years ago March 22, 1923

Few people here realize how cold it was last Monday night and will be surprised to learn that at 11 p.m. the thermometer registered 21 degrees below zero. Along the river that night there was heavy fog and it is believed that this element caused several degrees drop in the temperature.

Just for a little fun and to raise a few ducks for charity, some of the town business men played indoor baseball at the school house Tuesday night.

Mayor Canfield was umpire, Harold Jarmin scorekeeper and Prof. Smith headed the batting list and came away with five safeties out of six times at bat, five runs and a batting average of .835. Team No. 1, representing the Good Fellowship club: Carl Doroh, catcher; Supt. B. E. Smith, pitcher; Lorane Sparkes, first base; Robert H. Gillett, second base; Harry Simpson, third base; Herb Gothro, left short-stop; Frank Dreese, right short-stop; Melvin Bates, left field; and Holger Hanson, right field. Team No. 2, representing the Woman's Club: A. J. Joseph, pitcher; Holger Peterson, catcher; Esbern Olson, first base; George Prehn, second base; T. P. Peterson, right short-stop; Carl Peterson, left short-stop; A. M. Lewis, left field; Marshall A. Atkinson, right field; and Dr. H. H. Pool, centerfield.

Team No. 1 won by a score of 22 to 12.

Much of the latter half of last week and the first part of this week saw steady snow storms and the ground once more assumed the aspect of midwinter. Trains on the Manistee and Northeastern and the East Jordan branches were again snowed in. It was warm Wednesday and the snow melted a great deal and it looks like these storms would be the last real ones for the season. Everyone is waiting for the bare ground when once more the purr of motors may be heard on our streets.

Two new Studebaker cars came to Grayling Wednesday. Harry Simpson, the local dealer, reports that the big light special seven passenger sedan was for Fred Welsh of this city and the coupe roadster for Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg. These cars will be on display at the Studebaker showrooms at the Burke garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Olson and daughter, Marion, of East Jordan visited at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson over Sunday.

Births

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Leon Dysinger and Holly Reeves of Clare: Ryan Todd, February 25, 1992, 8 lbs., 3 ozs.

David McKee and Cathy Prottinger of Higgins Lake: Megan Kemberly, March 1, 1992, 7 lbs., 9.2 ozs.

Richard and Deborah Nash of Grayling: Dominic Andrew, March 2, 1992, 6 lbs., 11.3 ozs.

Robert and Terri Riso of Mio: Marcus Ryan, March 3, 1992, 8 lbs., 2.2 ozs.

Glenn Harmon and Sara Cousino of Mio: Sidnie Ann, March 5, 1992, 8 lbs., 1.8 ozs.

Matthew and Laura Jackson of Roscommon: Joshua Jacob, March 5, 1992, 8 lbs., 3.3 ozs.

Women bowling winners to receive prizes March 24

The Grayling Women City Association's spring meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Legion meeting room.

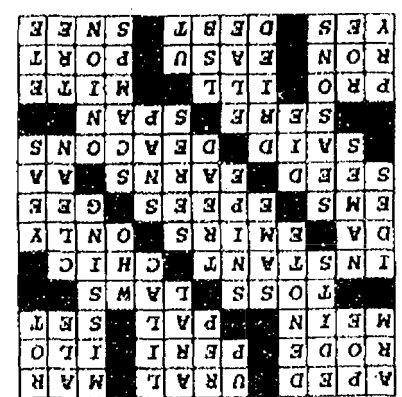
All winners of the City Association tournament will receive their prizes at this meeting.

There will also be election of officers for the 1992-93 season.

All team captains, league officers, and interested persons should attend.

Weekend Crossword

THIS WEEK'S
PUZZLE ANSWER

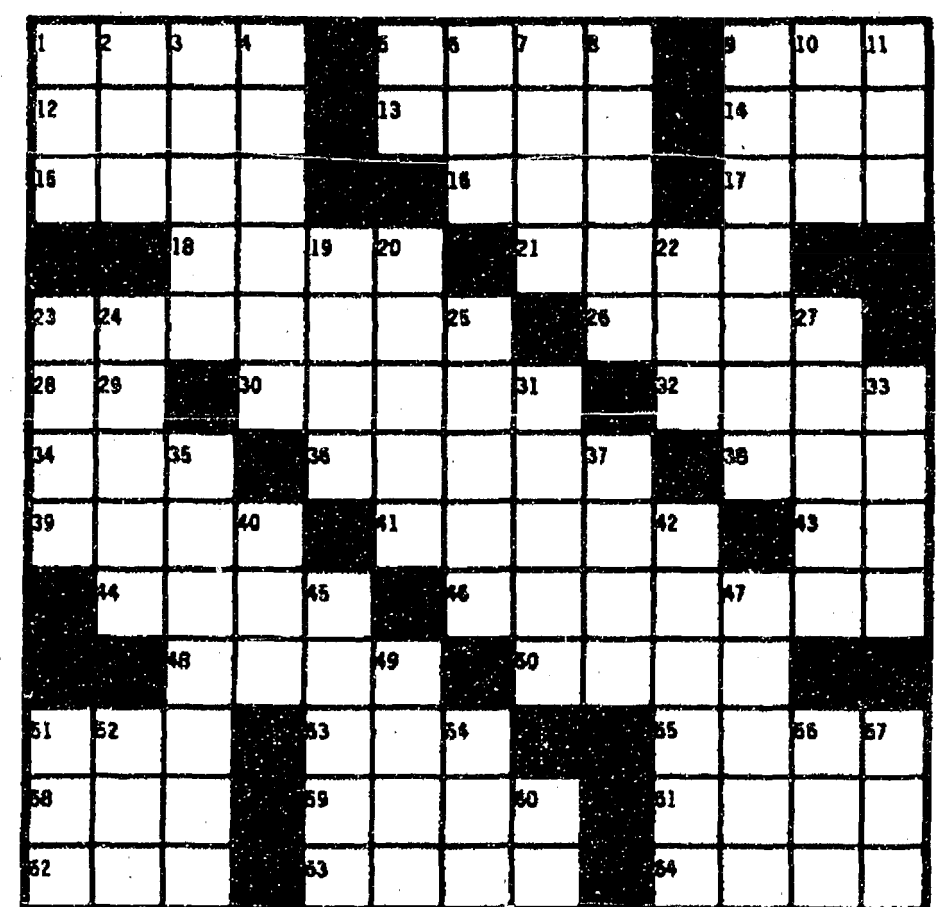


ACROSS

- 1 Mocked
- 5 Russ. river
- 9 Spoil
- 12 Motored
- 13 Persian fairy
- 14 Worldwide workers group
- 15 Chow
- 16 Buddy
- 17 Congee
- 18 Tummy
- 21 Rules
- 23 Moment
- 26 Stylish
- 28 Yes, Russ.
- 30 Asian rulers
- 32 Solilo
- 34 Printer's measures
- 36 Fells
- 38 Horse commands
- 39 Spore
- 41 Merits
- 43 Alcoholics ann., init.
- 44 Declared
- 46 Church officer, pl.
- 48 Withered
- 50 Bridge
- 51 For
- 53 Sick
- 55 Small amount
- 58 Reagan, to his friends
- 59 Isaac's son
- 61 Harbor
- 62 Affirmative
- 63 Obligation
- 64 Large knife

DOWN

- 1 Equip
- 2 Am. author
- 3 Revises
- 4 Signify
- 5 Out of bed
- 6 Reputation, fam
- 7 Russ. sea
- 8 Flowering shrub
- 9 M in MIA
- 10 English beer
- 11 Humbug
- 19 Identical
- 20 Marsh bird
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 of March
- 24 Titles
- 25 Way of walking
- 27 Spotless
- 31 Series of ecological communities
- 33 Affirmative votes
- 35 Flavors
- 37 Clinch
- 40 Expire
- 42 Rascals
- 45 Dehydrated
- 47 Pungent bulb
- 49 Otherwise
- 51 Force open
- 52 Fish eggs
- 54 Laboratory, abbr.
- 56 Three, it.
- 57 Summer, Fr.
- 60 Guido's note



Your Horoscope

Forecast Period: March 22-March 28, 1992

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

A desire for revenge must be repressed. Seek counseling if your will power fails. To persevere will cause more pain.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Romance is one sided. Don't get your hopes up that this will change; what needs changing is your partner.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Travel looks good. Extended journey possible. Don't burn bridges, though, because you will have to return.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Young person needs guidance. Take time to communicate. Be aware of differences but try to learn from them.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Nothing is final. Try not to be depressed over recent loss. Focus your energies toward industrious endeavors.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Co-workers need arbitrator. Give them the benefit of your wisdom. Do not let your prejudices influence your decision.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Loneliness is not contagious; but happiness is. Get with someone who can bring you out of this depression.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Intimacy may be strained. Give partner some breathing room. Afford them the courtesies you demand and love will return.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Starting over is difficult. Accept the comfort of close friends. Someone is waiting to help you.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Career takes off. Time away from home increases. Do not allow your family to suffer from your absence.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your creative juices flow freely. You have the Midas Touch. Channel this new creativity into your present duties.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Sudden windfall will help with your present financial condition. Don't blow it.

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The Bible Speaks

From The
Calvary Baptist Church

Your Last Chance

All of us will face a last chance to decide our hopes and dreams before leaving planet earth. What are your hopes and dreams for eternity?

During the past three weeks I have asked dozens of people a very simple question: "If you were to die today, do you know you would go to heaven?" Most people say they are going to heaven. When I asked them what they were trusting to take them to heaven, their answers were broad and diverse.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (MAT 7:13-15).

Today, false prophets have deceived the public into believing that the way of salvation is wide and broad enough for almost everyone, while the way of

damnation is strait and narrow, being limited to only a few really bad sinners. For example, the March 16, 1992, issue of *Time* magazine carries an article entitled, "Christians Spar in Harvard Yard." The subtitle reads, "Does it matter that the campus chaplain is gay? Some conservatives say it does, and he should resign." He had publicly stated, "I am a Christian who happens as well to be gay." Conservatives have asked him to step down, "... because he teaches that homosexuality is not sinful within the Christian church." The conservatives are being branded "bad sinners" in this case, being accused of "moral mugging" and "homophobia." The Dean of Harvard Divinity School ridiculed the belief of the "Concerned Christians" as "little more than a literalist interpretation of Scripture, without any theological sophistication." Those scholars with "theological sophistication" who attempt to "correct" the Holy Scriptures are on the broad way to destruction.

But, our Lord Jesus Christ said God's word is truth. Therefore, He prayed to the father for us saying, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (JOH 17:17). Our Lord Jesus Christ taught in JOH 8:34-36: "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: [but] the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary not only to save us from the penalty of our sins, but also to save us from the practice of sin, and to conform us to His image. If you died today, do you know you would go to heaven?

Pastor "B"

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Frederic Hobby Club holds Officers' Dinner

On Monday, March 9, the Hobby Club had their Officers' Dinner at Hodder's Restaurant in Grayling. They celebrated Betty Wargo's and Esther Weaver's birthdays. They will hold a business meeting and work on their quilt at 7:30 p.m. March 23, at the clubhouse.

Military News

Marine Corps Pvt. 1st Class Todd B. Millikin has completed the basic field artillery cannon course at Fort Sill, Okla.

During the course, students were taught the duties of howitzer or gun section crewman. They also received instruction in communications, maintenance, and the handling of ammunition and explosives.

Millikin is the son of Robert N. and Patricia A. Millikin of 4848 Fletcher Road, Roscommon.

He is a 1991 graduate of Grayling High School.

Your Social Security

65, 66, 67: The "aging" of the retirement age

I believe that if 100 people were asked what is THE retirement age in the United States, at least 99 would say "65."

The only problem with that answer is that it will not be true for the 76 million baby boomers who will retire after the year 2000 — and in many ways, it has never been true that 65 is THE retirement age.

The 1983 Social Security legislation that stabilized the long-term financing of the Social Security trust fund also gradually increased the age at which workers can receive full retirement benefits. Beginning in the year 2000 (only a short eight years away), workers born after 1938 will have to be 65 years and 2 months to receive full retirement benefits. And by 2027, the age for full retirement benefits will have gradually risen to age 67.

(It is important to note, however, that eligibility for Medicare benefits will remain at age 65.)

The trend since 1960 has been toward earlier and earlier retirement. And, in fact, about 50 percent of workers now claim their first Social

Security retirement check at age 62 rather than age 65.

The option of earlier retirement will still be there after the year 2000 — only changed. It, too, is affected by the 1983 Social Security legislation. Currently, workers who retire at age 62 receive 80 percent of the full benefit they would have received if they waited until age 65 to retire. That percentage will be gradually reduced. Workers who retire at age 62 in the years 2005 to 2016 will receive 75 percent of their benefits; and by 2022, any worker retiring at age 62 will have the percentage reduced to 70 percent.

Since the Social Security retirement options will be different for workers retiring after the year 2000, you may want to begin planning your retirement now. We help you with your plans by providing you information on just what you can expect to receive from Social Security. You can call our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 or 1-616-946-8361 and ask for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.

Church Directory

Smoothing Out The Bumps



You might say that this baby kangaroo has a pretty easy life ... maybe a few jolts and bumps along the way ... but so what ... he knows he is always safe in his parent's pouch.

This is an example of unquestioning trust; not trust based on past experiences, but the kind of faith based on nothing except pure love and positive expectation. Psalms 119:117 says this most simply ... "Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe."

Life need not be as treacherous as it may seem. If we travel with our Father, with faith in His loving care, we can skim the bumps on life's road with a maximum of optimism and a minimum of distress.

Rest in the bosom of God's love as you meditate on His ever-present guidance each Sabbath.

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First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Rev. Jim Wright
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christ Missionary
Minister H.A. Hennig
4 Mi. East of Frederic
County Rd. 612
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship & Praise 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer, Bible Study 6 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial
United Methodist Church
Minister Dr. Dennis N. Paulson
400 Michigan Ave.
Church School 11:15-12:15
Worship Services 10 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.
Senior Choir (Thurs.) 7 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable
in 1st building on the right off new
entrance road.
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.
Church - 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Lier 348-7699
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical
Lutheran (ELCA)
Rev. Robert A. Gordon
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Summer Schedule May 26-Sept. 1
Worship 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (Tue.) 7 p.m.
No Choir July & August

Reorganized Church
Of Jesus Christ
Of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
Corner of North Down River Rd.
and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Michael Conner - 348-7291
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Weekday Mass
Tuesday 8 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Confession Saturday 4 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St.
Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Communion & Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ
with the Elijah Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Don Brigham
211 Shellenbarger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor, David Mossman
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

AuSable Valley Church Of God
6330 Johnson - Frederic
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Services 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
Potluck Fellowship 2nd Sunday each
month after morning service.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ... 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
Vicar: The Rev. Derik J. Roy, Jr.
M-72 West-Office 348-5850
Rectory-348-2682
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer Service 10:30 a.m.
(The second Sunday of each month)
Healing Service 5th Sunday of the month
Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday nursery care provided 10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) 7 p.m.

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
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Louis S. Habryl D.O. • Michael J. Forness D.O.
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Phone 517-348-2896

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Earned Income Credit available to families below \$21,250 limit

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If your family worked during part or all of 1991 and earned less than \$21,250, you need to file a federal income tax return and one additional form — Schedule EIC.

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If you need help filing your income tax, most areas have Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinics. Call your local IRS office or the toll-free IRS number, 1-800-829-1040, to get the hours and location.

Alma College Kiltie Band brings bagpipes to GHS Tuesday, March 24

On Tuesday, March 24, the Community Education Concert Series continues as the Alma College Kiltie Band, under the direction of Douglas Scripps, returns to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium for a 7:30 p.m. performance.

This concert will feature not only the work of Shostakovich, but musical selections from "Brigadoon" and "Carousel." The band will also feature a Scottish Medley, a collection of Scottish tunes performed by Alma's

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IF YOUR 1989 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 5, 1992 TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 4, 1992.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

Grayling City Council Proceedings February 24, 1992

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Schreiner, Ruddy, Golnick. Members Absent: Akers. Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Roy Knight Jr., Guy Quigley, Kevin Graham, Aggie Thudgeon, Dick Wieber, Richard Stuart, Mark Roe.

Moved by Schreiner, supported by Stevens, that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1992, be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None.

Communications were received and noted.

Meeting Minutes of Grayling Housing Commission on February 13, 1992.

Letter to Mayor Golnick re: Waste Water from proposed Oscoda County Laundromat being trucked into our new sewer lagoon system.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Schreiner to deny the request to bring waste water from Oscoda County into our sewer lagoon facility and to advise future applicants for out of the area service that we will require a letter of support from the DNR prior to consideration of such requests. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Mr. Morford was directed to answer the Oscoda County request based on the above motion.

Old Business:

Guy Quigley re: Family Self-Sufficiency. Mr. Quigley explained to Council the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Moved by Schreiner, supported by Golnick that Jerry Morford be authorized to sit on the Crawford County Resource Council as a part of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Purchase of Fax Machine.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Schreiner to authorize Jerry Morford to buy the Murata M750 Fax Machine for the City Office. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

New Business.

Consumers Power Co. Presentation re: System Reliability. Dick Stuart and Mark Roe spoke to Council of the changes at Consumers Power Co. including tree trimming, adding a transformer to sub-station in Grayling, bringing another transmission line in at 4 mile road and other related matters which will improve servicing of the Grayling area.

Council thanked Mr. Stuart and Mr. Roe for attending this Council Meeting and explaining the new changes occurring at Consumers Power Co.

Water Billing Policy Adoption. Mr. Morford explained to Council the difference between the current Water Billing Policy and the new Water Billing Policy.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Schreiner to adopt the proposed Water Billing Policy as presented effective as of the April 1992 billing. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Reports of City Manager. Mr. Morford reported on the following.

Jeopardy Tax Assessments.

Old Flooring Mill is being considered for a new business employing 20-25 people.

1992 Christmas Decorations progress.

DNR and Sewer Treatment Project progress.

Street lighting project progress.

Concluded land exchange with the DNR involving Well #2 site and six acres east of East Branch of the AuSable.

Legal case progress.

Reports of Council Members. None.

Council directed the City Manager to work with Mayor Golnick to draft a letter to Mr. Stagg regarding Council's decision on Oscoda County Laundromat Waste Water.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Schreiner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners at their office, 500 Huron Street, Post Office Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738 or FAX to 517-348-6933 until 10:00 am, Friday, March 27, 1992, for the following:

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M. Laskowski
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CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ROAD NAME CHANGE

Crawford County Road Commission will hold a public hearing at 10:30 am on April 10, 1992 to adopt a road name change of a private road (not county maintained) of Clarissa Lane to Calvin Lane. The road in question is located in T26N, R3W, Section 5 of Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.
All comments should be in writing and addressed to the Road Commission at Post Office Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738 or faxed to 517-348-6933 and should arrive at the Road Commission not later than Wednesday, April 8, 1992.
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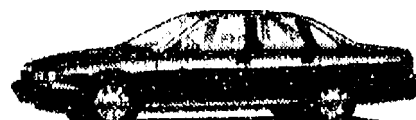
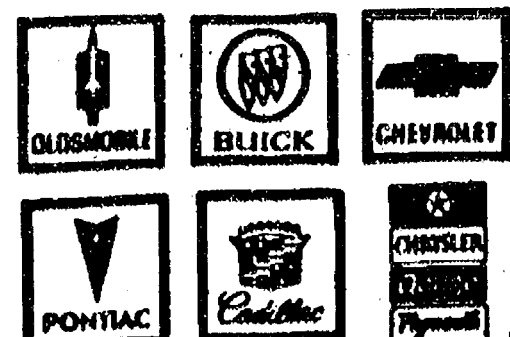
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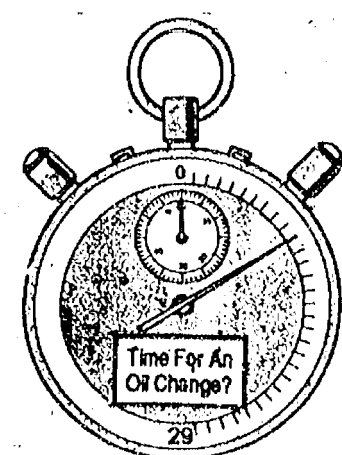
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Green Berets train at Camp Grayling

By Shirley D. Schmoock

The 10th Special Forces Group of Ft. Devens, Mass., commonly known as A-Teams, do not seem at first unlike other soldiers who have taken field exercises here. They are bright, young and alert. But behind the eyes, behind the quick smiles is something else; some high-powered state of readiness that is evasive and hard to define.

Finding a string which unravels the history of the U.S. Special Forces Group is a bit like searching a snowdrift for matching ice crystals. Nearly the entire story of this elite creation is a patchwork of difficulties met by the military bureaucracy as it attempted to establish a new entity outside the norm of conventional operating procedure, yet inside itself so as to better control its unruly nature.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

With the outbreak of WWII, no organized psychological warfare capability existed. President Roosevelt

was quickly persuaded to establish the first ever venture into the field of "espionage, propaganda, subversion, and related activities" under the precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency.

But this unit did not come into being without furious fits and starts of interference from the military community. General Patton thought this unusual unit quaint. It was.

The Psychological Warfare unit consisted of writers, linguists, world travelers, psychologists and a professor or two, all of whom had agreed to help develop for the United States a separate division devoted to tampering with enemy intelligence via leaflets and various means of broadcasting false or incorrect information to the other side.

The British, of course, had their Wingate Raiders and Royal Marine Commandos, but these hardened teams were formed from military ranks to penetrate deeply into enemy territory and perform long-range

reconnaissance missions for their superiors. And, regardless of how effective these British troops seemed to the senior military men of the U.S., the conventional officers still raised serious objections to the U. S. Army maintaining and sanctioning what they called a "guerilla corp."

CLOAK AND DAGGER

President Truman actually disbanded that which was left of the Psychological Warfare unit saying, "America has an apparent prejudice against cloak and dagger operations. To continue to sustain an international spying organization in a post war era seems un-American."

The unit languished until John F. Kennedy finally and formally launched it in 1952. Its main area of expertise was still unconventional warfare such as guerilla operations. But counter insurgency such as military and political actions taken against subversives, and psychological warfare such as influencing opinions,

emotions, attitudes, and behaviors of the enemy were also to round out the list of responsibilities of the Special Forces Groups.

Unconventional warfare, as a military term, was never readily adopted by conventional career officers. The Air Force, in as much as they had provided air support for the maligned units during the war, at one time even sought to absorb the program themselves. The Army, however, concluded finally that both civilian and exterior control was out of the question. If there was going to be a special troop organization, then the Army was going to be in charge, like it or not.

CAMP GRAYLING EXERCISES

Communication, networking, small scale combat maneuvers, plus navigation through the snow-covered terrain of the forested areas, is central to a winter survival exercise aptly named Arctic Express. Approximately 200 soldiers of the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) are here at Camp Grayling to take part in the program.

"Much of our effort is directed at training foreign troops to defend themselves," MAJ King offers, explaining the effects isolation and survival tactics have on the men. To a man, the Green Berets seem schooled in economy of words.

The Special Forces Group works closely with Air Force pilots, all of whom are Ranger and Airborne-qualified. And though the pilots are expected to understand and think with the same precision as the ground forces. MAJ Terry McKenna, Range Control Officer of the Grayling Air Gunnery Range, guides the exercise while the Air Force pilots train bomber pilots in the air. They are expected to "call down fire where they want it. When a plane is flying over 500 miles an hour, the pilot doesn't see much. When the



SSGT Bud McArthur

A-Team scouts an area with maps, they can pinpoint the target for the pilot."

"If you're taking enemy fire," SSGT McArthur offers as he sights the target through a telescopic apparatus, "you don't want the pilot dropping live fire anywhere near your unit."

Special Forces frequently train in small groups of ten or 12 men. Much of their time is spent patrolling, maintaining radio silence while

working through unfamiliar territory, and in general, experiencing survival techniques necessary to sustain lengthy periods without additional supplies or outside contact. CPT Walsh, Exercise Support HDG says, "10th Special Forces is here to deploy and establish a Forward Operation Base, as well as to evaluate Operation Detachments. We will use portions of the Hiawatha National Forest near Oscoda. There are approximately 100 soldiers located at Wurtsmith AFB."

Doodles From The Tall Timber

Wendell L. Hoover Park Interpreter, Hartwick Pines State Park

As the days pass and the hold of winter on the land relaxes, we all become desirous of warm breezes and soft earth under our feet. We know this month of March brings spring, at least according to the calendar.

In the far back times, there was an old man with long white hair and wherever he stepped, the ground turned hard as flint. His breath made rivers stop flowing and the lakes turn solid. Plants died and the wildlife fled before him. His lodge had walls of ice and his fire gave off no heat, but only a strange flickering light. His only friend was the North Wind. Whenever they got together they boasted to one another about how hard they made life for all the creatures on earth, including man.

One morning as they sat by their strange fire, they felt something was wrong. When the North Wind looked out, he could see the drifts were smaller and it was harder to breathe. With that, he left for a place where there was no

hint of warmth. The old man did not stir for his magic was strong. He heard a knock at his door and even as he said, "no one can enter" the door fell to the ground. Where the door had been there was a young maiden with a green stick in her hand. She sat down opposite the old man and when she stirred the fire it grew warmer. The old man threatened to freeze her with his breath, but only a thin mist came forth. The old man became angry, but even as he threatened the maiden again, he felt more sweat on his brow.

The young maiden told the old man that she was not afraid, that wherever I walk the grasses grow, my breath makes the snow melt, and the wildlife come to me. Wherever I travel the sunshine comes, so you cannot stay. The old man tried to speak, but no words came, for the South Wind came and melted him away. Once again, the young maiden Spring had defeated the Old Man Winter.

NOTICE OF LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given, that the next ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING of the electors of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will be held at the Township Hall beginning at 1:00 pm on SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1992.

A budget hearing, covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund and Liquor Fund, will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting. Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Township Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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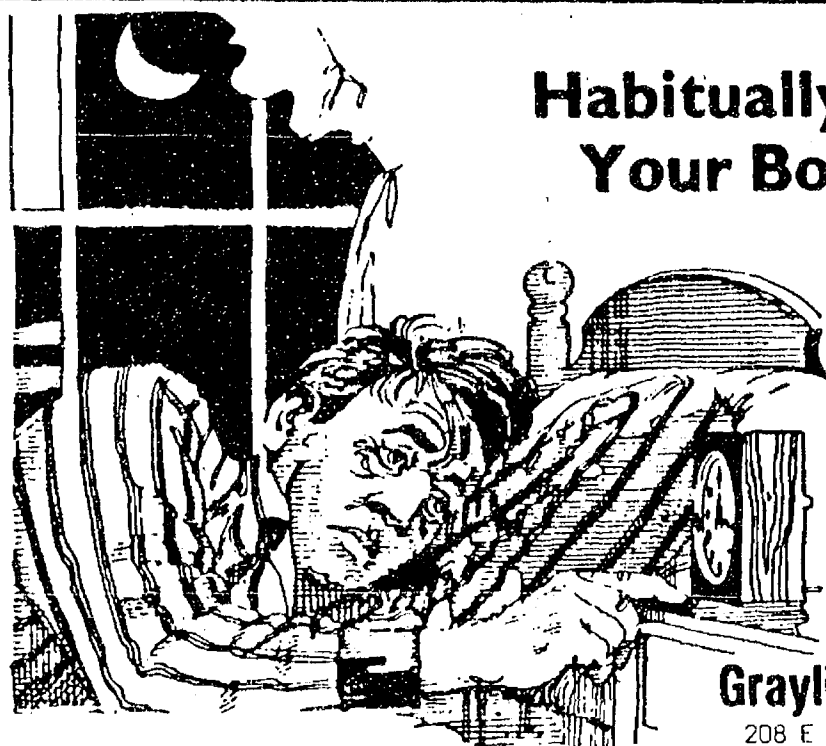


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